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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 2051

The Honorable Eric Cantor
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-329, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner, Majority Leader Cantor, and Chairman Rogers,

We write to strongly urge you to continue holding the line on federal spending by preventing the discretionary spending limit for Fiscal Year 2012 included in the House-passed budget resolution from being exceeded.

As you are no doubt aware, the legislation providing for the increase in the debt limit recently approved by Congress includes a discretionary spending limit for Fiscal Year 2012 of \$1.043 trillion. Unfortunately, as has been widely reported, this cap exceeds the Fiscal Year 2012 discretionary spending limit of \$1.019 trillion set by the House earlier this year when it passed its budget resolution by some \$24 billion. We write to remind you that the spending cap for Fiscal Year 2012 included in the debt limit deal is a spending ceiling and not a spending floor.

The House simply cannot push the level of discretionary spending for the coming year upwards as its first action after the extended debt ceiling debate. Given the current state of the U.S. economy, taxpayers' continued focus on cutting deficits and reducing the national debt, and the global attention to spending issues, it would be difficult to conceive of a less opportune time to send such a clear message that Washington continues to be tone deaf when it comes to federal spending.

Sincerely,

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