

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 8, 2011

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107, The Capitol
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The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-218, The Capitol
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Majority Leader Cantor, Majority Whip McCarthy, and Chairman Rogers,

On September 23, 2010, House Republicans issued its visionary Pledge to America. Among the many important pledges we made to the American people in that document was to stop out of control government spending:

"We will have a responsible, fact-based conversation with the American people about the scale of the fiscal challenges we face, and the urgent action that is required to deal with them... We will set strict budget caps to limit federal spending on an annual basis."

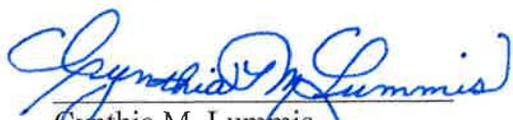
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On September 23, 2011, the House agreed to set aside its initial spending cap of \$1.019 trillion and effectively agreed to a new discretionary spending cap of \$1.043 trillion for Fiscal Year 2012. Some of us agreed with this decision, while others did not, but we all respect the will of the House. However, we are alarmed at the possibility that the House will not even hold to this new, higher cap.

If the House exceeds its cumulative discretionary spending cap of \$1.043 trillion set by the Budget Control Act for Fiscal Year 2012 by excluding emergency and disaster relief spending from the total, we believe it will violate our Pledge to America. Doing so will further erode the trust that was placed in us by the people we represent and who are counting on us to save our country from the fiscally ruinous decisions of this Administration and past Congresses. We must exercise systematic control over this potentially catastrophic profligacy and affirm our pledge to the American people.

We urge you to include emergency and disaster relief spending under the spending cap.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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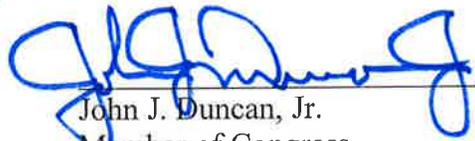
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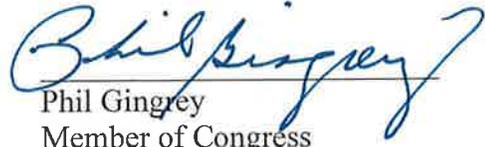
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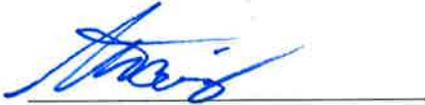
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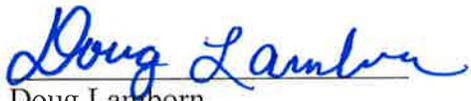
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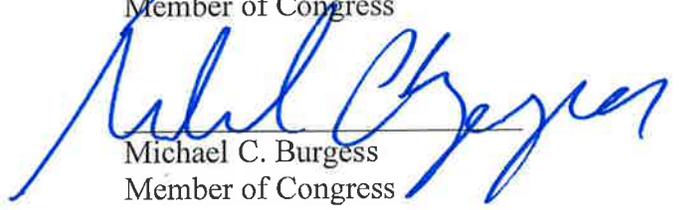
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