To sign on to this letter, contact Patrick Lester, Fiscal Policy Director from the Center for Effective Government, at plester@foreffectivegov.org. The current deadline for signing on is 5 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013. This deadline may be extended.

The list of signers is current as of Thursday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. EST.

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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Reid, Senator McConnell, Speaker Boehner, and Representative Pelosi:

The undersigned organizations are writing to ask you to repeal across-the-board budget cuts required by the Budget Control Act of 2011, called "sequestration."

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), these cuts will cost 750,000 jobs this year and reduce economic growth by 0.6%. Similarly, sequestration cuts over the next decade will cost many more jobs and reduce economic growth even further.

There is a simple solution to make this problem go away: repeal the sequester provision of the Budget Control Act of 2011. It is that simple. Congress created the sequester and Congress can repeal it.

Sequestration should be repealed, not replaced. Further fiscal austerity before the United States returns to full employment would only weaken the economy and cost jobs.

It is time to put these manufactured fiscal crises behind us and focus instead on the urgent business of putting America back to work, raising wages, and reducing inequality, which are the most important economic challenges facing America.

We urge you to act promptly to repeal sequestration.

Sincerely,

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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AFL-CIO
African American Health Alliance
AFSCME
Afterschool Alliance
Alliance for a Just Society
Alliance for Retired Americans
American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO
The American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA), AFL-CIO
American Federation of Teachers
American Friends Service Committee
Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
Campaign for America's Future
Campaign for Community Change
Carpe Diem Health
Center for Effective Government
Children's Advocacy Institute
Coalition of Labor Union Women
Coalition on Human Needs

The Communications Workers of America
Community Action Partnership
Courage Campaign
Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)
Demos
Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO
Earthjustice
Economic Policy Institute
The Education Trust
Every Child Matters Education Fund
Food & Water Watch
Gamaliel
Green For All
Health Care for America Now
Healthy Teen Network
Housing Works
International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers
International Union, UAW
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association
Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO
National Alliance of HUD Tenants
National Association of Letter Carriers
National Association of Social Workers
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
National Community Tax Coalition
National Council for Occupational Safety and Health
National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)
The National Council on Independent Living
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Federation of Federal Employees
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Human Services Assembly
National Immigrant Solidarity Network
National Immigration Law Center
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Organization for Women
National People's Action
National Priorities Project
Natural Resources Defense Council
Partnership for Working Families
Peace Action
Professional Aviation Safety Specialists
Progressive Congress
Progressive Democrats of America (PDA)
Progressive States Network
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition
Resources for Human Development
RESULTS
Service Employees International Union
Social Security Works
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
Strengthen Social Security Coalition
Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Inc.
Transportation Communications Union (TCU/IAM)
Transportation Equity Network
United for Peace and Justice
United Mine Workers of America
USAction
U.S. Labor Against the War (USLAW)
Veterans for Peace
Vote Mob
Wider Opportunities for Women
Working America
YWCA USA

**STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**California**
Action LA Network (Los Angeles)
California Coalition for Rural Housing
The California School Employees Association, AFL-CIO (Sacramento)
East Bay Tax the Rich Group
Family Care Network, Inc. (San Luis Obispo)
Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace (Los Angeles)
Mutual Housing California (Sacramento)
University Professional and Technical Employees, Communications Workers of America Local 9119 (Berkeley)
Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, Oakland, CA
Yolo Mutual Housing Association (Sacramento)

**Colorado**
Colorado Association of Family and Children's Agencies

**Delaware**
Better Homes of Seaford, Inc. (Seaford)
Blue Hen Corporate Center (Dover)
Connections Community Support Programs, Inc. (Wilmington)
Delaware Housing Coalition (Dover)

**District of Columbia**
Capital Area Food Bank
DC Community Coalition
Southeast Ministry
We Are Family Senior Outreach Network

**Florida**
Center for Independent Living of South Florida, Inc. (Miami)
Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc. (West Palm Beach)

**Georgia**
American Youth Council, Inc.

**Hawaii**
INPEACE (Kapolei)
Keiki O Ka ` Aina Family Learning Centers (Honolulu)
Partners in Development Foundation (Honolulu)

**Illinois**
American Federation of Government Employees, Local 704 (Chicago)
AFGE National Council of EPA Locals #238
Housing Action Illinois (Chicago)

**Kentucky**
The Coalition for the Homeless (Louisville)
Family & Children's Place (Louisville)
Kentucky Domestic Violence Association

**Maryland**
Maryland United for Peace and Justice

**Massachusetts**
Massachusetts Family and Child (Watertown)
Northampton (MA) Housing Authority (Northampton)
Maloney Properties, Inc. (Wellesley)

**Minnesota**
Phyllis Wheatley Community Center (Minneapolis)

**Missouri**
Gillis Center
Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri (St. Louis)

**New Hampshire**
Housing Action NH (Concord)

**New Jersey**
Communications Workers of America, Local 1081 (Newark)
Housing Community Development Network of New Jersey (Trenton)
NJ Labor Against War
NJ State Industrial Union Council

**New Mexico**
New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness

**New York**
The Arab American Family Support Center (Brooklyn)
Brooklyn For Peace (Brooklyn)
Center for Family Life, a program of SCO Family of Services (Brooklyn)
Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies
Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (Bronx)
Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NYC)
Penrose
St. Nicks Alliance (NYC)
Supportive Housing Network of New York (Albany)
United Community Centers (Brooklyn)
United Neighborhood Houses (NYC)
University Settlement/The Door (NYC)

**Ohio**
Oberlin Community Services (Lorain County)

**Pennsylvania**
Affordable Housing Group (Philadelphia)
Allegheny Valley Association of Churches
Bell Bridge Transitional Housing (York)
Bryn Mawr Peace Coalition (Bryn Mawr)
Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc. (Shamokin)
Community Justice Project (Harrisburg)
Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center (Norristown)
Faculty and Staff Federation of Community College of Philadelphia
Harrisburg Housing Authority (Harrisburg)
Home Nursing Agency (Altoona)
Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania (Jenkintown)
Housing Authority of Chester County (West Chester)
JEVS Human Services
Keystone Progress
Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pa. (Erie)
Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)
Methodist Home for Children (Philadelphia)
Nazareth Housing Services (Pittsburgh)
Northern Tier Community Action Corporation (Emporium)
Northumberland County Adult Services (Sunbury)
Pennsylvania Head Start Association (Harrisburg)
Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations
Providence Connections (Pittsburgh)
Ralph A. Falbo, Inc. (Pittsburgh)
Residential Resources, Inc. (Pittsburgh)
Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania
Self-Determination Housing Project of PA, Inc. (Downingtown)
Sisters Place, Inc. (Clairton)
Success Against All Odds (Harrisburg)
Sullivan County Housing Authority (Laporte)
Survivors, Inc. (Gettysburg)
United Neighborhood Centers of NE Pennsylvania
United Way of Beaver County (Monaca)

Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh
Westmoreland Community Action (Greensburg)
Women's Resources of Monroe County, Inc. (Delaware Water Gap)

**Texas**
Family Services of Southeast Texas

**Tennessee**
Cornucopia Network/TN Chapter
Caney Fork Headwaters Association
Cumberland Countians for Peace & Justice
Network for Environmental & Economic Responsibility Of United Church of Christ

**Utah**
Crossroads Urban Center (Salt Lake City)
Utah Housing Coalition (Salt Lake City)

**Vermont**
Another Way (Montpelier)
Brattleboro Housing Authority (Brattleboro)
Central Vermont Community Action Council
Champlain Housing Trust (Burlington)
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (Burlington)
Community of Vermont Elders (COVE) (Montpelier)
Disability Rights Vermont, Inc. (Montpelier)
Housing Vermont
RuralEdge (Lyndonville)
Samaritan House, Inc. (St. Albans)
Springfield Family Center (Springfield)
Springfield Housing Authority (Springfield)
Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition (Burlington)
Vermont Center for Independent Living (Montpelier)
Vermont Interfaith Action
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (Montpelier)
Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.
WomenSafe (Middlebury)

**Virginia**
Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living (Roanoke)

**Washington**
Asian American Labor Alliance (Seattle Chapter)
Head Start & ECEAP/Washington State Training Consortium (Bellevue)