



March 21, 2013

Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Cantor, Leader Pelosi, and Whip Hoyer:

As newly elected Representatives committed to finding bipartisan solutions to our country's serious fiscal challenges, we write to request that you meet with our freshman class to discuss our shared vision for the federal budget. We are hopeful that the Senate and House of Representatives will agree to a budget resolution for fiscal year 2014, and we believe our voices—and those of our constituents—must be heard during this important process.

As you know, the freshman class constitutes nearly a fifth of the House of Representatives. In addition to sheer numbers, we bring to the table fresh perspectives and a genuine desire to find common ground. Republican and Democrat alike, we were sent to Congress by voters frustrated with partisan gridlock and dysfunction. The people we represent demand and deserve better from their government, and we are committed to focusing on those areas of agreement that unite us—not refighting the same battles that have consumed the Congress in years past.

Like our constituents, we are all deeply troubled by the fiscal trajectory of our country. Regardless of home state or party affiliation, we all share a focus on promoting economic growth, cutting spending, helping create jobs, eliminating waste, streamlining government, reforming our tax code, reducing the cost of healthcare, and preserving Medicare and Social Security. Perhaps most importantly, we hold a common commitment to working with members of both parties to realize these goals.

It is long past time for Republicans and Democrats to come together and negotiate a responsible compromise to address our fiscal challenges, and we believe the freshman class has a critical role to play in bridging the divide between the parties and forging united solutions. Again, we request that you meet with our freshman class and give us the opportunity to help Congress deliver serious, bipartisan results for the American people. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ann McLane Kuster
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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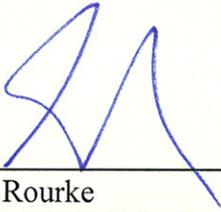
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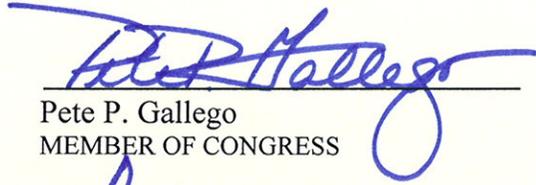
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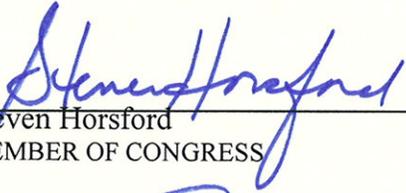
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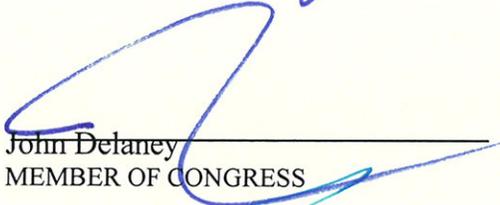
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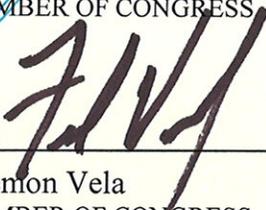
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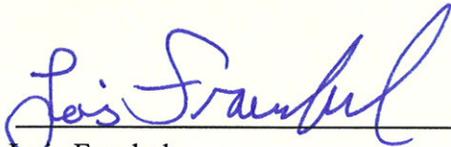
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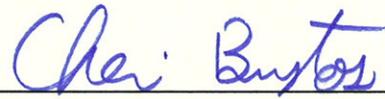
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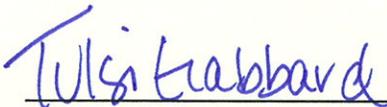
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