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Organizations Support Raising the Budget Caps by a Ratio of More Than 100:1

Today, 24 conservative organizations sent a letter to Congress calling on the lawmakers to leave the austere spending caps in place. The groups, including Club for Growth and Freedom Works, argue that the caps have been effective in reducing the deficit. But at what cost? Caps on discretionary spending have come at too great a price to the American people and the American economy. This is why NDD United, along with 2,500 organizations, called on Congress last week to raise the caps in their own letter to lawmakers.

"For each of the 24 organizations supporting a dangerous fiscal policy, there are more than 100 organizations that have lined up to tell Congress spending caps do more harm than good," said Emily Holubowich, co-chair of NDD United. "There is bipartisan agreement that sequestration is a bad policy and ultimately hurts our nation. It's time to end the era of austerity."

As illustrated in the NDD United impact report, Faces of Austerity, and other accounts from across the NDD sectors, real Americans are feeling the negative effects of austerity. Elementary and secondary education, housing, and workforce training programs are unable to meet needs. Scientific discovery has been hindered and public health preparedness and response has been weakened. Maintenance of air traffic control, weather systems, and National Parks has been deferred. Federal justice programs have not adequately supported states and localities in meeting needs of law enforcement and crime victims. Programs designed to aid foreign victims of war and hunger are falling short, compromising our ability to address emergencies around the world.

Congress must act now to replace sequestration and raise the caps to a level that allows for the investments to keep our country safe and strong at home and abroad, not continue a policy that has already caused so much harm.

NDD United is an alliance of 2,500 national, state, and local organizations working to protect investments in core government functions that benefit all Americans.

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