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HOUSE BUDGET DOUBLES DOWN ON SEQUESTRATION

Congress must reject harmful cuts to domestic programs, working together to raise the spending caps.

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Washington, DC – As the House moves forward with consideration of a fiscal 2018 budget proposal, NDD United's 2,000 federal, state, and local organizations reject calls to double down on sequestration's harmful budget cuts to domestic programs and increase Pentagon spending.

"The President's budget, and the subsequent proposal from the House of Representatives, push forward a false narrative that for America to be strong, we must boost defense spending at the expense of domestic spending," said Emily Holubowich, founding co-chair of NDD United. "The proposal now under consideration will decimate critical public health and safety programs, education and job training initiatives, and public services our citizens rely on every day to ensure a quality of life every American expects and deserves. Our national security requires more than a strong military."

Analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities shows that House Budget Committee Chairwoman Diane Black's budget would slash NDD funding 17 percent below the FY 2010 funding levels - and \$1.3 trillion below the Budget Control Act caps by 2027 - making it nearly impossible for scientists, teachers, law enforcement officials, and social workers to provide for the critical needs of rural Americans, and those in urban areas alike.

Congress and the President must work together to protect NDD programs from further cuts, raise the spending caps, and end sequestration. Such sequestration relief must be equally balanced between nondefense and defense programs, as strong investments in both NDD and defense are necessary to keep our country competitive, safe, and secure.

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

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