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REPS. HOYER, LOWEY, YARMUTH, LEE, JAYAPAL, NDD UNITED WARN OF DEVASTATING IMPACTS IF SEQUESTRATION GOES BACK INTO EFFECT

2,000 National, State and Local Groups Plead: "Congress needs to act now"

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With the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 Expiring in Fiscal Year 2018, Funding for Infrastructure, Education, Public Health and Safety, Job Training, Science & More Are at Risk

Washington, DC—On Wednesday, September 6th, Democratic Whip Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY), Representative John Yarmuth (D-KY), Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA), and Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) will join representatives of NDD United, a coalition of more than 2,000 state, local and national groups, calling on Congress to raise spending caps. If 2018 caps are not changed, proposed spending bills by both the House and Senate would trigger across the board cuts put in place under the 2011 Budget Control Act. If Congress fails to act, FY 2018 will be the first year that they will allow the fully sequestered spending levels to take effect with the expiration of the two-year relief package provided by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015.

“We’re running out of time to prevent another fiscal crisis, and once again, real Americans will pay the price for Congress’ inaction,” said Ben Corb, Co-Chair of NDD United. “Congress must pass a bipartisan budget deal to restore critical funding equally to both defense and nondefense spending that keeps Americans healthy, safe, and secure. That’s why 2,000 organizations have come together to say, ‘Raise the Caps.’ Enough is enough. We see the approaching disaster, and we’re not doing nearly enough to stop it.”

As a result of sequestration and other austerity measures enacted beginning in 2011, non-defense discretionary (NDD) spending has been cut \$100 billion from 2010 levels. Without action to stop sequestration, in fiscal year 2018 NDD programs are projected to decline to the lowest level in more than 50 years.

NDD United represents organizations spanning interests as varied as education, public health, infrastructure, and law enforcement.

- WHAT: Lawmakers, NDD United Call for Congress to Prevent Sequestration
- WHO: House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY), Representative John Yarmuth (D-KY), Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), Lee Brown, Founder and President, LINQ for Life
- WHEN: Wednesday, Sept 6th
2:30 PM
- WHERE: House Triangle, Capitol Building

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