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As you may have learned by now, Senator Tom Cotton has proposed an [amendment](#) to the National Defense Authorization Act that aims to eliminate sequestration. Upon closer examination, the language does not repeal the budget caps but rather removes the threat of an enforcement sequester should the caps be violated. As a result, it would remain unclear if there would be any relief from sequestration for NDD, while allowing Congress to realize their proposed increases for defense without consequence. Further, Cotton's amendment does not lift the sequester cuts on nondefense mandatory programs, violating parity.

NDD United will be issuing the following statement on the amendment this afternoon:

NDD United appreciates Senator Cotton's efforts to bring an end to sequestration. However, we remain concerned that the amendment, as written, does not eliminate or raise the dangerous budget caps set in the Budget Control Act of 2011 but rather the enforcement mechanism that maintains them. Without a deal to raise the caps, it remains unclear if Congress will provide the sorely needed increase to the nondefense budget, while allowing them to violate parity by increasing defense spending without consequence. NDD United stands ready to work with members of both parties on a bipartisan deal to raise the budget caps this Fall that maintains the parity principle set forth in the last two bipartisan budget acts and takes into consideration a decade of austerity that has eroded many nondefense discretionary programs and services.

If you have questions, please reach out to me via email at tkaszuba@dc-crd.com.