



Dear Kevin,

There is a lot happening on Capitol Hill, and around the world, right now. I hope you'll take action with us today on federal budget issues and mark your calendars for a call-in day tomorrow in response to the refugee crisis following the ISIS terrorist attacks in Beirut, Baghdad, and Paris.

Congress reached a budget deal last month, but now appropriations season is upon us. We need your help! Your Senator is a leader in this process as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Your elected official could be the deciding vote to determine how the federal government will spend money for the next two years. It is critical that you contact your Senator to make sure Congress protects the needs of people at the margins of society.

It seems that Congress needs a reminder that the budget deal, which became law on November 2, already established important parameters: the deal set funding levels for defense and non-defense discretionary spending, reached an agreement to keep harmful riders from poisoning desperately-needed funding legislation, and prevented severe spending cuts known as sequestration. It is a major victory, but we have to make sure members of Congress hold up their end of the deal.

Strength comes in numbers. Please forward this message to your friends and neighbors so that they can weigh in with your Senator as well.



In solidarity,
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