

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1317

February 28, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner,

I urge you to not let the House of Representatives go out of session today. Tomorrow the sequester takes effect and we cannot afford to let these across-the-board cuts happen. The sequester could lead to job losses and an economic downturn in communities across the country, including those in your home state of Ohio and my home state of Illinois. These cuts must be replaced with a balanced solution.

We can start with implementing the *Government Waste Reduction Act*, a bipartisan, common sense piece of legislation that could save tens of billions of dollars by reducing unnecessary duplicative government services and programs while protecting those that middle class folks across the country rely on. This is the type of approach that is reasonable, responsible, and rational.

Economic experts, as well as the American people, have asked us to act to avoid sequestration. In order to protect the economy and prevent greater uncertainty for middle class families and small businesses, we need to stay in session until a solution is found.

Sincerely,



Cheri Bustos,
Member of Congress