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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

Dear Leader McConnell and Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of the member companies of the Professional Services Council (PSC), I write to express our support for your efforts to begin negotiations on a bipartisan spending deal that will raise the budget caps for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Such an agreement is PSC's top priority as it is essential to timely FY20 appropriations, to full funding for all federal agencies, and to avoiding the devastating impact of sequestration on the missions and functions of both defense and non-defense agencies.

Budget cap levels set eight years ago do not reflect current federal agency mission needs or national priorities. With dramatic changes in areas ranging from the opioid epidemic to cybersecurity, the caps that were put in place in 2011 simply do not accommodate today's challenges and priorities.

As we learned from the FY13 sequestration, it is not enough to appropriate at full-funding levels; Congress must also amend the Budget Control Act itself. Doing so will require the leadership support that you have exhibited on this issue, and PSC supports and applauds that leadership.

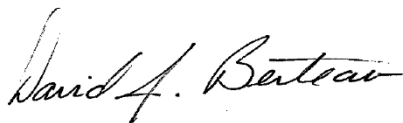
The administration's FY20 budget proposal is demonstrably insufficient. Many agree that the Defense Department needs an increase over the Budget Control Act limits, with adjustments to both the base budget and the Overseas Contingency Operations funding. For civilian agencies, absent Congress taking action, the existing FY20 cap would cut \$55 billion below the spending level of the current fiscal year. A cut this steep would significantly—and negatively—impact too many government missions.

In addition, the cuts would unavoidably fall disproportionately on contract workers. The resulting costly delays and uncertainty will harm both the government and the American people who rely on its services.

PSC looks forward to supporting your discussions to adjust the budget caps to help ensure that the government continues to carry out its duties and missions. We stand ready to assist in every way possible.

I greatly appreciate your time and attention to this issue.

Yours respectfully,



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