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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

August 10, 2016

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to section 255(f) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, notification is hereby provided of the President's intent to exempt all military personnel accounts, including Coast Guard personnel accounts, from any discretionary cap sequestration in FY 2017, if a sequestration is necessary. This exemption does not apply to the Joint Committee sequestration already ordered for FY 2017. This is considered to be in the national interest to safeguard the resources necessary to compensate the men and women serving to defend our Nation and to maintain the force levels required for national security. This action would trigger a higher reduction in non-exempt accounts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shaun Donovan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Shaun Donovan

Identical Letter Sent to The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.