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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

July 31, 2012

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

Section 255(f) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, authorizes the President to exempt military personnel accounts from sequester, provided that Congress is notified of the manner in which such authority will be exercised on or before August 10.

Consistent with the notification provided to Congress last August, notification is hereby provided of the President's intent to exempt all military personnel accounts from sequester for FY 2013, if a sequester is necessary. 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. It is recognized that this action would increase the sequester in other defense programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Zients", written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey D. Zients
Acting Director

Identical Letter Sent to The Honorable John A. Boehner