

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

We applaud your efforts to cut out-of-control federal spending and begin the long journey to restore the federal government to its proper constitutional bounds. We conservatives in the Senate join you in this journey, and the American people clearly stand with us.

We believe that, as part of the urgent need to cut federal spending, the total value of the fiscal year 2011 spending reductions in the upcoming continuing resolution should be no less than \$100 billion. The American people expect at least this level--which is just one-fifteenth of the FY2011 budget deficit.

In order to have the best chance of enacting into law \$100 billion or more in spending reductions this fiscal year, we need the House to pass a CR containing no less than \$100 billion in FY2011 spending cuts. Since the Democrats still control the Senate, we need the House-passed CR to be as bold as possible in order to strengthen the hand of Senate conservatives in increasing or maintaining the spending reductions.

We look forward to working with you on immediate and assertive steps to reversing the unconscionable growth of federal spending over the last decade.

Sincerely,

