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General Gordon R. Sullivan  
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President

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Leader Pelosi:

This week during Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's quarterly VSO/MSO Roundtable meeting, Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Vice President LTG (Ret) Jerry Sinn discussed some of our association's key goals including the need for Congress to return to regular order in the appropriations process and to end the specter of sequestration permanently.

Our association's focus centers on national defense and for our military leaders to properly execute their national security mission, they need authorization authority and appropriations to be completed on time and with regular order. Operating under a series of continuing resolutions and sequestration limits their capacity to properly plan and execute a budget.

Further, AUSA believes that the primary source of budget challenges that face the Department of Defense is sequestration. Sequestration is having profoundly adverse effects on the defense of the nation – and it will do so well into the next decade if it is not repealed. It introduces enormous risk into the national defense equation and creates a paradox in which the nation is locked into a creaky, slow moving, lockstep budget process that is irresponsible, unaccountable and funds a defense forces that must be flexible and agile to meet the challenges of unpredictable and quickly changing world scenarios.

I urge you to work in a bipartisan manner to return the defense appropriation and authorization process to regular order and end sequestration permanently. I include my recent testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee to provide further background for your information.

Sincerely,



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CC: Reps - Walz, Kirkpatrick, Sanford Bishop, Michaud, Sinema, Becerra, Takano, Brownley, O'Roarke, Van Hollen & Susan Davis