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General Gordon R. Sullivan
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President

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

On behalf of the members of the Association of the United States Army, I write to urge you to complete a continuing resolution to keep our governmental agencies functioning. A federal governmental shutdown is in no one's best interest and must be avoided. Further, defense authorization and appropriations bills must be passed expeditiously.

Our ability to fight international terrorism and sustain the all-volunteer force is dependent on timely defense authorizations and appropriations. In a time of war, swift completion of defense funding is essential. Our forces in the field need timely access to appropriate funding, and our military leadership needs the fiscal tools to complete planned and ongoing initiatives.

Our defense forces deserve no less than your full support for the timely completion of a continuing resolution and then defense authorization and appropriations legislation. I ask that you focus your considerable energies solely on completing those legislative actions so that those who serve in our defense forces can rely on an uninterrupted stream of funding.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Senate: Reid & McConnell

U.S. House: Boehner & Pelosi