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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

As a freshman member of the House, I believe that I was sent to Washington to work with both parties toward commonsense solutions--not to take part in the political gamesmanship that we have been facing recently. Last week, I joined the majority of my colleagues in approving legislation to keep the government open through the end of September. The legislation gives more flexibility to the Pentagon on sequestration cuts and shifts more than \$10 billion into Pentagon operations and maintenance accounts.

As you consider plans to implement the sequester in the Department of Defense, I hope that you will consider a plan to reduce the impact of the sequester on the 800,000 civilian employees including thousands in the Hudson Valley. Throughout the state, the sequester could cause approximately 12,000 civilian Department of Defense employees to be furloughed including the 2,016 employees at the United States Military Academy in West Point and 406 at the New York Air National Guard's 105th Airlift Wing at Stewart Air National Guard Base.

In these difficult economic times, I know that we all must make sacrifices. But our middle class has made enough sacrifices; our federal workforce has made enough sacrifices; our military and seniors have made enough sacrifices; the staff and students at West Point have made enough sacrifices. Sequestration is wrong for our country because it will result in job losses and furloughs for many of my constituents in New York and I will continue to urge Congress to take swift action on a balanced plan to stop the devastating spending cuts.

My constituents are tired of the incessant and intractable partisan bullying, the ridiculous talking point bickering and most of all, the negligent inaction for the American people. Putting party before country will not further our people or our goals. We are all in this together and we should come together as Americans to work out our differences in a mature and fair way.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter and the needs of my constituents.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Charles Hagel, Secretary of Defense