



May 12, 2023

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

Over 100 days ago, Speaker McCarthy requested a meeting with you to negotiate a solution to the debt limit crisis. For months you rejected offers to discuss a bipartisan solution. As a result, House Republicans passed a reasonable and responsible solution in the *Limit, Save, Grow Act* to tackle the twin crises of out-of-control spending and a debt limit increase. Democrats continue to attack our sensible plan but have not offered one of their own. We are disappointed that after 97 days of delay, when you finally met with the Speaker, you did not come to the meeting prepared with a plan or ready to negotiate.

Publicly and during the meeting, you doubled down on your demand that Congress pass a clean debt limit increase. However, such a proposal does not have enough support to pass the Senate or the House. Several Democratic members from both chambers have publicly expressed their concern with rising spending and their support for negotiations. As the X-date approaches and members hear from their constituents, that sentiment continues to grow.

The *Limit, Save, Grow Act* reflects a pragmatic, conservative solution to our nation's spending problems. The House-passed bill would limit federal spending and rescind unused Covid funds. It includes the text of the bipartisan H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, and implements work requirements, which you have supported.

The majority of Americans believe federal spending has grown out of control. They support a reasonable plan to reduce spending, limit budget increases, and grow our economy. Our constituents in Main Street America are feeling the pain of inflation every day as their hard-earned and carefully saved dollars depreciate in value.

At the National Prayer Breakfast earlier this year, you expressed your hope that "we start to see each other again, look at each other again, travel with each other again, argue...with each other again but then still go to lunch together." Mr. President, for 97 days, you refused to meet with Speaker McCarthy at a time when the country is facing an urgent yet avoidable threat to the economy. We hope that you and your party will honor the sentiments you expressed in February

and engage in a serious discussion on how to get our nation's fiscal house in order. The stability of the U.S. economy and the prosperity of our children and grandchildren depends upon it.

Sincerely,



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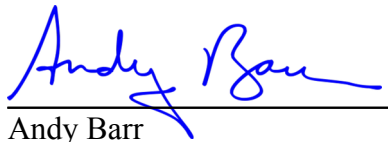
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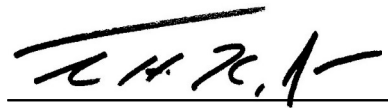
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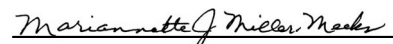
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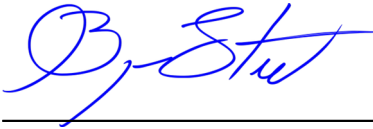
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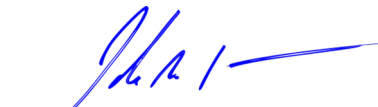
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