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To: Members of Congress  
From: Grover Norquist  
Date: July 19, 2002  
RE: Federal Spending

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I understand you received the attached letter in a 'Dear Colleague' dated April 10 from Representatives Nussle and Sununu, asking you to sign a letter to the President promising to support him if he vetoes any spending bill that would exceed the discretionary spending levels proposed in his budget.

I encourage you to sign the letter. Your signature would go a long way toward guaranteeing veto-sustaining support for fiscal discipline.

**Because of its importance to taxpayers, ATR will rate the letter in our annual Friend of the Taxpayer ratings. A signature will count the same as a pro-taxpayer vote, and no signature will count as an anti-taxpayer vote.**

To sign on to the letter, contact Teri Dorn at the Budget Committee at 226-7270.

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

At a time when Americans are fighting a war against terrorism overseas, facing the critical need to enhance security at home, and striving to sustain the economic recovery, surely the Federal Government can keep its fiscal house in order. That means setting priorities and making choices. The budget you sent to Congress in February does precisely that – providing all the resources necessary to meet our most urgent priorities, and maintaining fiscal discipline throughout.

Recognizing this urgency, the House of Representatives has passed a Budget Resolution that meets the priorities established in your State of the Union Address, and limits spending to the level you requested. Now we must adhere to those commitments, by maintaining spending discipline throughout the balance of this year. This is crucial to ensuring that all necessary resources can be committed to winning the war on terrorism, defending the homeland, and getting the economy moving again – without undermining both short- and long-term fiscal discipline.

Therefore, we the undersigned strongly encourage you to veto any spending bill that would exceed the discretionary spending levels proposed in your budget, or that may jeopardize our ability to win the war against terrorism at home and abroad. We will support you by voting against any congressional effort to override a veto should an attempt be made.

We appreciate your resolve, Mr. President, and look forward to working with you to enact fiscally responsible legislation.

Sincerely,

Jim Nussle  
Member of Congress

John Sununu  
Member of Congress