

November 21, 2011

The Honorable Jeb Hensarling, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Patty Murray, Co-Chair  
Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction  
825C Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Hensarling and Senator Murray:

Only days remain for the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to report on its efforts. Meanwhile, more than 90 million American mutual fund investors wait anxiously for Congress and the Administration to act.

These are Americans who are investing for a brighter future—a secure retirement, a better education, or a solid financial foundation. They need responsible action by their government to protect the health of the economy and the financial markets on which they depend.

The time to act is *now*. Last summer, we saw how harmful it is when America's resolve to address our fiscal crisis is put in doubt. Congress and the Administration must work together to put America on a path of fiscal responsibility. The health of our markets, the prosperity of our nation, and the security of future generations all depend upon it.

cc: Members of the 112th Congress

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