



BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER

April 15, 2011

Representative David Dreier
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dreier:

We are writing to voice our strong support for H.R. 114, the Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act. This practical reform would help instill fiscal responsibility and efficient governance into the currently problematic budget and appropriations process.

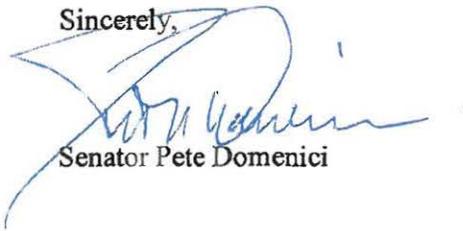
As evidenced by the intense budget fights over fiscal year 2011 appropriations legislation, the over-politicized budget process often puts politics in the way of responsible governing. The series of continuing resolutions passed this year have had damaging effects on nearly all federal agencies and programs, our economy, and the lives of everyday Americans. A move to biennial budgeting could help reduce the amount of time dedicated to a dysfunctional budgeting process and enable lawmakers to better focus their valuable time and resources.

Further, biennial budgeting could help provide more sound financial footing for federal agencies. With this added stability comes an increased capacity for long-term planning and the possibility to achieve forward-looking efficiencies and savings.

As you may know, the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force, which we Co-Chaired, authored a report, *Restoring America's Future*, which recommended that Congress pass legislation to implement this important reform. For over two decades we have supported this measure, and this recommendation has received widespread support from all Democrat and Republican administrations since the 1980s, various bipartisan commissions, key congressional committees and majorities in surveys of the House and Senate.

We applaud your efforts and strongly support H.R. 114.

Sincerely,



Senator Pete Domenici



Dr. Alice Rivlin
Brookings Institution