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Dear Members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction:

As members concerned about the fiscal health and future of our country, we ask that any legislation introduced by the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction meet the following criteria:

- balance our budget within 10 years;
- place entitlements on a path to fiscal solvency;
- comprehensive tax reform that lowers rates and promotes economic growth, with no net tax increase;
- avoid a further downgrade of our credit rating.

Thank you for your work on this matter, and we look forward to seeing your bill.

Sincerely,

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