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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

January 17, 2014

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Section 254(f) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA), as amended, requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to release its *Final Sequestration Report to the President and the Congress for Fiscal Year 2014* ("final report") on the first business day 15 days after the end of the congressional session, which in this case would be January 21, 2014. Due to the circumstances presented at this time, OMB will delay the release of the final report until the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (H.R. 3547) has been enacted and OMB has evaluated it for purposes of the final report.

Specifically, OMB is delaying the release of the final report because: (1) the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (P.L. 113-67) recently established new discretionary spending limits for fiscal year 2014; (2) enactment of full-year appropriations for fiscal year 2014 consistent with those limits appears imminent; (3) given the timing of enactment, OMB will not have sufficient time to evaluate these appropriations for purposes of releasing the final report by January 21, 2014; and (4) OMB has determined that under the annualized amounts that agencies are currently operating under pursuant to the FY 2014 Continuing Resolution (P.L. 113-46) and its extension through January 18, 2014, and given the newly enacted discretionary spending limits, no sequestration would be required. In addition, on January 13, 2014, the Congressional Budget Office announced its intent to delay the release of its final sequestration report because they also determined that no sequestration would be required under the new discretionary spending limits.

OMB's scoring estimates of H.R. 3547 will be released subsequent to its enactment in accordance with section 251(a)(7) of BBEDCA. Shortly thereafter, OMB will issue a final report for fiscal year 2014.

Sincerely,

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Director

Identical Letter Sent to The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and The Honorable John A. Boehner