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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Pelosi:

This week's passage of the Budget Control Act marked an historic moment for our nation. A key element of this legislation is the creation of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (JSCDR) which will recommend policy changes of at least \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction. I respectfully request your support in my appointment to this critical committee.

I believe my position on deficit reduction is consistent with mainstream Americans. For five years I have effectively represented a swing-district in a swing-state. My suburban district is the battlefield in which two major political ideologies evolve and interact. As such, I know how to listen to the views of both sides, and I know how to speak with them. Additionally, I believe the JSCDR would be well served by someone from the Rocky Mountain West. I bring a can-do spirit to the table and the belief that failure is not an option. We will find a solution which a majority of both chambers can support, and when enacted, will preserve the greatness of our nation, and will not balance our budget on the backs of seniors or the hard working people in the middle.

If appointed, I will act as a responsible voice and advocate for an acceptable solution a majority of us can support. As a lawyer, I worked on many difficult financial matters and helped develop long term financial plans, so I am no stranger to these types of negotiations. I believe I can help negotiate the framework for businesses to thrive and most importantly support jobs, entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Sincerely,

Ed Perlmutter
Member of Congress