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Dear Member of Congress,

We write to you today on behalf of NDD United – an alliance of more than 2,000 national, state, and local organizations fighting to protect funding for nondefense discretionary (NDD) programs – to express our concern over recent reports that the White House is considering sending a list of rescissions to Congress through the process outlined in the Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. Not only would this negatively affect the programs identified for the rescissions, it would also significantly hinder future bipartisan compromise on spending legislation. Thus, we urge you to reject this and any other attempt to roll back the agreement made in the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) and Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (omnibus).

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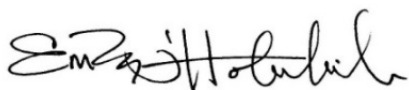
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Reneging on the bipartisan compromise represented by the omnibus would be detrimental to bipartisan relations on Capitol Hill and would hinder future spending and legislative deals. The BBA and omnibus were the result of more than a year of bipartisan talks about federal spending limits and appropriations. Members from both sides of the Capitol and the aisle voted for this spending legislation not because it included all of their priorities but because it represented a compromise. It is critical now that Congress protect that compromise and reject rescissions to already appropriated funding.

Further, even with the historic increase for nondefense discretionary programs included in the BBA, the federal government is still slated to spend less on NDD programs than it did in 2010--about \$37 billion less to support core government functions like public health, education, housing, justice, environment, research, and more when adjusting for inflation. NDD spending is not significantly contributing to our growing deficits. Rather, many of the programs funded by the NDD budget contribute positively to economic growth and development. Thus, Congress and the President should provide more funding for NDD, not less.

Americans rely on a predictable, stable federal government which requires predictable, stable funding. Rescinding funding that was appropriated six months into the fiscal year is disruptive and will further deteriorate bipartisanship in Congress. We urge you to reject any rescissions the President may send to Congress and continue to build on the bipartisanship of the BBA and omnibus to ensure further investment in nondefense programs in fiscal 2019 and beyond.

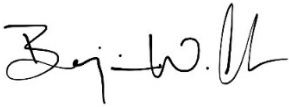
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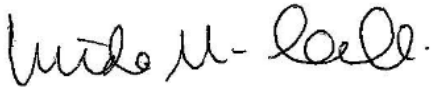
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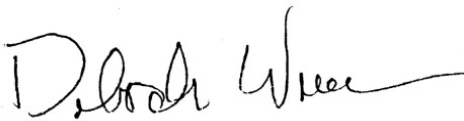
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