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Meeting Date
March 3, 2015



AGENDA	
Section	XXXX New Business
Item No.	VII F 1

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT:	Letter of support to protect the Department of Defense Budget from sequestration.		
DEPT/OFFICE:	District 1, Commissioner Robin Fisher		
Requested Action:	It is requested the Board approve a letter of support to protect the Department of Defense Budget from Sequestration.		
Summary Explanation & Background:			
Clerk to the Board Instructions:			
Exhibits Attached:	Letter; list of legislators		
Contract /Agreement (If attached):	Reviewed by County Attorney	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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County Manager	Assistant County Manager, Mel Scott		Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager, Venetta Valdengo		



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March 4, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Robin Fisher, District 1

RE: Item VI.F.1., Letter of Support to Protect the Department of Defense Budget from Sequestration

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 3, 2015, approved a letter to support to protect the Department of Defense Budget from sequestration.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Each Commissioner

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March 5, 2015

The Honorable Bernie Sanders, Ranking Member
Senate Budget Committee – Minority Office
United States Senate
624 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sanders:

On behalf of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to seek your help to protect the Department of Defense (DoD) budget from sequestration. A return to the inflexible caps and across-the-board cuts set by the Budget Control Act will undermine the ability of our military to defend the United States of America.

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The Honorable Mike Enzi, Chairman
Senate Budget Committee – Majority Office
United States Senate
624 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Enzi:

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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen, Ranking Member
House Committee on the Budget
U.S. House of Representatives
134 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Van Hollen:

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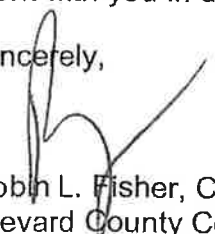
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The Honorable Tom Price, Chairman
House Committee on the Budget
U.S. House of Representatives
207 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Price:

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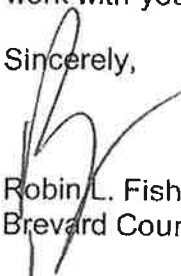
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The Honorable Kathy Castor
U.S. House of Representatives
205 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Castor:

On behalf of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to seek your help to protect the Department of Defense (DoD) budget from sequestration. A return to the inflexible caps and across-the-board cuts set by the Budget Control Act will undermine the ability of our military to defend the United States of America.

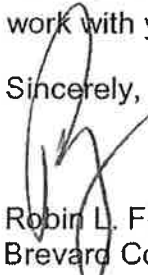
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The Honorable Jeff Miller
U.S. House of Representatives
336 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Miller:

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The Honorable Richard Nugent
U.S. House of Representatives
1727 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Nugent:

On behalf of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to seek your help to protect the Department of Defense (DoD) budget from sequestration. A return to the inflexible caps and across-the-board cuts set by the Budget Control Act will undermine the ability of our military to defend the United States of America.

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The Honorable Ander Crenshaw
U.S. House of Representatives
2161 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Crenshaw

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U.S. House of Representatives
120 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Marco Rubio
United States Senate
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rubio:

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The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

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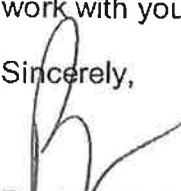
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