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Headline: Act now and tell Congress to prioritize research funding



**CALL CONGRESS TODAY!**  
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**TELL THEM TO:**

- RAISE THE SPENDING CAPS**
- PREVENT A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**
- PRIORITIZE RESEARCH FUNDING**



Ask Congress to #RaiseTheCaps and craft a budget deal that prioritizes research

The crippling budget caps are back!

Nondefense spending supports critical government programs that keep our country competitive, safe, and secure - **including funding for food, agriculture, and natural resource research.**

Under current law, nondefense spending for the next two years faces massive budget cuts - \$55 billion in cuts for FY2020 alone.

We need Congress to act now to **develop a bipartisan budget agreement** that raises the spending caps and provides parity between defense and nondefense spending.

Email your members of Congress today and urge them to work together to craft a **budget deal that raises the caps on discretionary spending and prioritizes research funding.**



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## Email to Congress

Headline: Raise the budget caps to support critical federal research programs

As a constituent and a concerned citizen, I urge you to work with your colleagues in Congress and the Administration to reach a bipartisan budget agreement that raises the spending caps for FY2020 and 2021, maintains parity for defense and nondefense discretionary spending, and prioritizes agriculture and natural resources research.

Agriculture and natural resources R&D is fundamental to national security, food safety and security, and U.S. economic stability. It benefits all Americans from small farmers to agribusinesses and to people in urban and rural areas alike.

Federal investments in research on agriculture and natural resources are falling behind internationally, and neither the private sector nor local governments are picking up the slack. With at least a 20-fold return on our investment in agriculture R&D, we cannot afford a budget without this as a major priority.

A bipartisan budget agreement is the first step to allowing for robust federal investments in America's scientific enterprise and ensure that the United States remains the global innovation leader. Please act now.

