

5 Reasons to #RaisetheCaps

It's time for a budget deal!

Out-of-date and out-of-touch "sequestration" budget caps are preventing Congress from advancing national priorities like faster medical progress and robust economic growth. Strategic investments fuel health, security and prosperity; the budget caps stifle all three.

With Congress deciding the budget for FY18, here are five reasons why it's time to #RaisetheCaps:

\$49
billion

The projected amount we will spend in 2020 to treat the 16 million Americans with chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD). Despite this projection, investment in research to combat COPD remains stagnant. ^ +

30
million

The number of Americans living with diabetes, resulting in nearly \$245 billion in medical costs annually. An additional 1 in 3 Americans are at high-risk for developing the disease. We must take action to mitigate the enormous cost of diabetes. ^ +

28
million

The number of Americans living with heart disease. This insidious disease costs our country \$207 billion each year in care. However, a cure remains elusive. We must do more to stop a disease that causes 1 in every 4 deaths in the U.S. ^ +

5
million

The number of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, resulting in \$236 billion in annual health costs. Alzheimer's research represents just 0.4% of these costs. We can, and must, do better. ^

330:1
billion

How much our nation spends to treat healthcare-associated infections, compared to how much we spend to prevent them. The 1 in 25 patients who acquire an infection during their hospital stay deserve better. *

The budget caps are holding our nation back.

Join us online September 11 and 12 to tell Congress to #RaisetheCaps.

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