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The Honorable Jeb Hensarling, Co-Chair
The Honorable Patty Murray, Co-Chair
Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction
825B Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representative Hensarling and Senator Murray:

I am writing to ask that you consider including a number of deficit reduction measures in the proposal that the Joint Select Committee makes to Congress this fall.

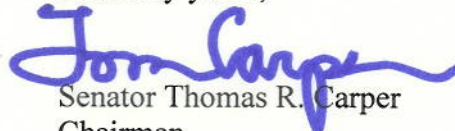
Each of the measures discussed below has been examined in recent years by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, which I currently chair. My subcommittee's oversight jurisdiction is broad and, over the years, my colleagues and I have developed non-partisan solutions to a wide range of activities of the federal government that are characterized by wasteful and inefficient spending. Our credo is, in effect, better results for less money or, at the very least, better results for the same amount of money. Additionally, we have examined and embraced a number of ways to address the serious financial crisis facing the U.S. Postal Service to enable it to eventually to return to prosperity and stop adding to the federal budget deficit.

The attachments to this letter detail the legislative proposals that have been developed in response to this subcommittee's work. Legislative text and further background materials on each are also attached. These proposals are:

- 1) Implementing Postal Reform;
- 2) Closing the Tax Gap;
- 3) Strengthening Medicare and Medicaid Program Integrity;
- 4) Eliminating and Recovering Improper Payments;
- 5) Improving Federal Agency Information Technology Management; and
- 6) Improving Federal Agency Property Management and Disposal

I respectfully request that you consider each of these proposals as part of your final plan. If you have any questions about these proposals, feel free to reach out to me, or have your staff contact my subcommittee Staff Director, John Kilvington, at 224-7061.

Sincerely yours,



Senator Thomas R. Carper
Chairman

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