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The Honorable Harry Reid  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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The Honorable John Boehner  
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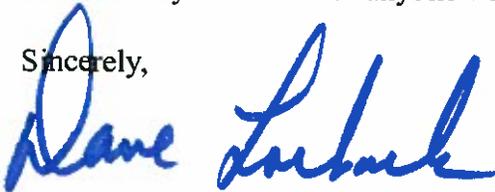
Dear Majority Leader Reid, Leader McConnell, Speaker Boehner, and Leader Pelosi:

It is unconscionable that Congress is taking an undeserved week-long recess when the deadline to avert sequestration is only 14 days away. I have called on Congressional leadership for months to get to work on finding a solution to stop these arbitrary, across the board cuts. Yet no meaningful action has been taken since the American Taxpayer Relief Act was passed by the House of Representatives on New Year's Day, providing only a short reprieve from the sequestration deadline created by the Budget Control Act.

We have already started to see the economic consequences of Washington's inaction, and that inaction has long since passed the point of irresponsibility. The impact of sequestration on working families, our economy, and our communities can be avoided. The potential furloughs and layoffs due to sequestration can be stopped. It's up to Washington to take bold, balanced action, and to put aside partisan politics and cut through the gridlock.

There is no reason for Congress to not remain in Washington and work toward a solution. Iowans expect Congress to work on their behalf, not skip town instead of making the tough decisions needed to avert the real life consequences sequestration will have on the economy, Iowans, and people across the country. I urge you to keep Congress in session and get to work. I stand ready to work with anyone who will put politics aside and find balanced solutions.

Sincerely,



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