



RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Minimize the Effects of Sequestration on National Security Resolution No. 16-10

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 (“BCA”) created a Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (“JSCDR”) and further provided that certain across-the-board spending cuts divided equally between defense and non-defense spending would be automatically implemented if the JSCDR did not produce legislation to significantly reduce the federal deficit; and

WHEREAS, the JSCDR failed to produce such legislation and the across-the-board spending cuts required by the BCA (known as “Sequestration”) have been and are being implemented by the various Departments of the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, across-the-board cuts do not translate into proportional cuts because the Reserve Component budgets are smaller which will result in program closures; and

WHEREAS, sequestration has been applied and may be applied in the future to all programs in the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security without regard to their effect on mission-critical areas such as force deployment, readiness and training, resulting in negative impacts to our Nation’s military and homeland security forces; and

WHEREAS, the National Charter of the Reserve Officers Association provides that the purpose of the Reserve Officers Association is to support and promote the development and execution of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security; and

WHEREAS, the Reserve Officers Association believes that a more targeted approach to Sequestration is preferable, an approach which would allow the leadership of the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security to identify mission-critical programs such as force deployment, readiness and training and to provide adequate funding for such programs, and identify non-mission critical programs and implement the funding reductions in those programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to take measures to limit the adverse effects of sequestration on the national security of the United States by properly funding mission critical programs.

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