



CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, DC 20318-9999

9 December 2013

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As we enter the final weeks of December, I write to urge you to complete the National Defense Authorization Act this year. The authorities contained therein are critical to the Nation's defense and urgently needed to ensure we all keep faith with the men and women, military and civilian, selflessly serving in our Armed Forces. Allowing the Bill to slip to January adds yet more uncertainty to the force and further complicates the duty of our commanders who face shifting global threats. I also fear that delay may put the entire Bill at risk, protracting this uncertainty and impacting our global influence. For your reference, enclosed is a list summarizing expiring authorities.

I deeply appreciate congressional efforts to achieve a budget deal and subsequent appropriations. Your efforts to provide the Joint Chiefs the *Time, Certainty, and Flexibility* in both our budget and authorities will help ensure we keep our Nation safe from coercion.

I appreciate your continued concern for and support of our men and women in uniform.

Sincerely,

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MARTIN E. DEMPSEY  
General, U.S. Army

Enclosure:  
As stated

cc:  
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader



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Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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Minority Leader

<b>LIST OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES</b>	
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EXPIRATION</b>
<b>Authority Issues:</b>	
Afghanistan Security Forces Fund	9/30/2013
Authority for Joint Task Forces to Provide Support to Law Enforcement Agencies Conducting Counter-Terrorism Activities	9/30/2013
Authority for Reimbursement of Certain Coalition Nations for Support Provided to United States Military Operations	9/30/2013
Authority to Provide Additional Support for Counter-drug Activities of Other Countries	9/30/2013
Authority to Support Unified Counter-drug and Counter-terrorism Campaign in Colombia	9/30/2013
Commanders' Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan	9/30/2013
Authority to Establish a Program to Develop and Carry Out Infrastructure Projects in Afghanistan	9/30/2013
Logistical Support for Coalition Forces Supporting Operations in Afghanistan	9/30/2013
Pakistan Counterinsurgency Fund (DoS)	9/30/2013
Task Force on Business and Stability Operations in Afghanistan and Economic Transition Plan and Economic Strategy for Afghanistan	9/30/2013
Enhancement of Authorities Relating to DoD Regional Centers for Security Studies	9/30/2013
Authority to Support Operations and Activities of the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq	9/30/2013
Ford Class Carrier Construction Authority	9/30/2013
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program	9/30/2013
Reintegration Activities in Afghanistan	12/31/2013
Military Special Pays and Bonuses • Expiring Bonus and Special Pay Authorities provided by P.L. 112-239, sections 611-615 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013)	12/31/2013
Travel and Transportation Allowances	12/31/2013
Authority to Waive Annual Limitation on Premium Pay and Aggregate Limitation on Pay for Federal Civilian Employees Working Overseas	12/31/2013
Non-Conventional Assisted Recovery Capabilities	9/30/2013
Support of Foreign Forces Participating in Operations to Disarm the Lord's Resistance Army	9/30/2013
Authority to Provide FAA War Risk Insurance to CRAF Carriers	12/31/2013
Authority to Provide Temporary Increase in Rates of Basic Allowance for Housing Under Certain Circumstances	12/31/2013
<b>Acquisition Issues:</b>	
New Starts, Production Increases, Multiyear Procurements	Various
80/20 Rule	N/A
General Transfer Authority & Special Transfer Authority	N/A
AP of Virginia Class	10/1/2013