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Mr. Jonathan Forrest Hester
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Dear Mr. Hester,

Thank you for contacting me and sharing your thoughts. As your Congressman, I am committed to putting the needs of Wisconsin families first. Knowing what issues matter most to you, your family, and your neighbors is important to me and helps me better serve you as your representative in Washington.

Government spending is out of control. The debt that we are accruing is unsustainable, and without responsible spending levels we run the risk of seriously hurting the future of our country, and the success of our children. We cannot continue to kick the can down the road and ask the next generation to pay for our bad spending habits. This generational theft must stop.

I believe reducing overall spending is essential to getting our country back on sound fiscal footing. With our national debt at nearly \$20 trillion and growing, we are projected to pay nearly \$190 billion in *interest alone*—almost a third of what we spend on Medicaid. Federal agencies need to tighten their belts for the sake of our country and the future of our children and grandchildren.

The federal government cannot continue to fund operations in the same way it has in the past. If we are not wise in making decisions now, and the spending and borrowing spree continues, then it will be even more difficult years down the road when good programs cannot get the funding they deserve. That is why I have been working hard to get our fiscal house in order.

President Trump recently released a budget framework in which he called for an additional \$54 billion in defense spending in Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18). As you may know, President Trump has often called for the need to rebuild and refurbish our military—something that can be done with the increase he's requesting. **The House will**

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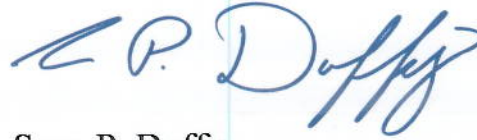
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review President Trump's plan and make changes, during which time I will keep your thoughts in mind when considering how best to ensure the healthy future and stability of our country.

It is my greatest honor and privilege to serve as your Congressman. I look forward to hearing from you again soon and invite you to visit my website, www.duffy.house.gov for more information and to sign up for my weekly newsletter. Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,



Sean P. Duffy
Member of Congress