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**SUPPORT THE FUDGE-SCOTT-MOORE-LEE AMENDMENT,
THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS BUDGET SUBSTITUTE:**
RESTORE TUITION ASSISTANCE TO SERVICE MEMBERS

Dear Colleague,

We write to encourage you to support Fudge-Scott-Moore-Lee amendment to H. Con. Res. 25, the fiscal year 2014 budget resolution when it is considered on the House Floor today.

Perhaps one of the most important features of the Congressional Black Caucus substitute is that it will allow service members to continue to receive their tuition assistance benefits. As you know, the Military Tuition Assistance Program was not exempted from sequestration. Already, the Army and Marine Corps canceled their respective programs, while other branches of the military are weighing their options.

Beginning in FY 2014, the CBC Budget restores these harmful cuts to this important program by finding other savings that don't come at the expense of hardworking families.

Tuition assistance, the promise of securing better opportunities for themselves and their families, is a key benefit for men and women in uniform. Meeting this promise to our servicemen and women should be a top priority. The cuts to the Military Tuition Assistance Program would be devastating for countless families.

The CBC Budget Substitute not only helps soldiers continue to pursue their education dreams, but it also improves funding for veterans programs in order to provide returning soldiers with the support they need and deserve.

Simply said, if you share our concerns about these key issues, we hope that you will join us in support of the Congressional Black Caucus Budget Substitute.

Sincerely,

/s
John Lewis
Member of Congress

/s
Gwen Moore
Member of Congress

/s
Henry C. "Hank" Johnson
Member of Congress