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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
S-221, United States Capitol
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer,

We urge the Senate to remain in session from May 19th to June 1st if the debt ceiling is not raised by then.

On May 1st, Treasury Secretary Yellen said extraordinary measures to finance government operations could be exhausted by June 1st, leading to a default on our nation's debt. This comes after House Republicans passed legislation to both raise the debt ceiling through March 2024 and rein in excessive government spending.

Since then, President Joe Biden and your office have only met for the first time last week to negotiate. If no action is taken by President Biden and your Democrat-led Senate to lift the debt ceiling, we will default on our debts. Defaulting on our debt would lead to stock market volatility, the dollar weakening, and the disruption of basic government programs like Social Security payments, Medicare services, and veterans' benefits.

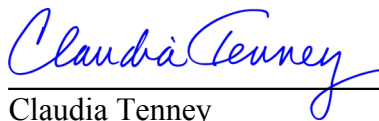
During this critical period, the Senate is still scheduled to be out of session next week, a critical time leading up to June 1st, which we believe is irresponsible. Senate lawmakers cannot go on vacation while the financial security of our nation and essential benefits on which Americans rely hang in the balance. Americans overwhelmingly support compromise, and this schedule demonstrates a lack of willingness to come to the table and negotiate. The Senate has yet to pass a bill that would raise the debt ceiling and curb inflation-causing government spending.

Making good on our commitment to seniors, veterans, working families, and not spending beyond our means, should not be a partisan issue. We urge you and your colleagues to come to the table and stay until an agreement is reached rather than fleeing D.C. when our country is waiting for your action.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



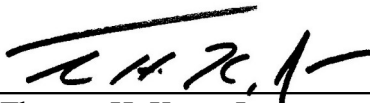
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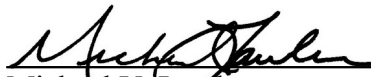
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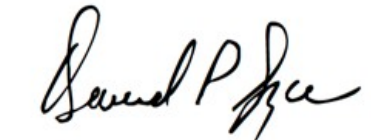
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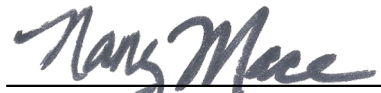
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