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SMALL BUSINESS AND THE DEBT CEILING

We believe not increasing the debt ceiling for federal government borrowing would have repercussions for small businesses. The United States stands behind its obligations and we believe this is the message we should continue to deliver to our global trading partners and investors. We cannot afford to jeopardize economic growth and the ability of small businesses to lead the nation back to a sound economic state by sending a different signal at this time.

We are certainly concerned about the federal debt and we are eager to see meaningful deficit reduction measures put in place. We should proceed with such efforts without delay.

The Small Business Legislative Council is a permanent, independent coalition of over 50 trade and professional associations that share a common commitment to the future of small business. Our members represent the interests of small businesses in such diverse economic sectors as manufacturing, retailing, distribution, professional and technical services, construction, transportation, and agriculture. Our policies are developed through a consensus among our membership. Individual associations may express their own views