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SBLC STATEMENT ON DEFICIT REDUCTION

We believe that if we are going to secure long-term significant changes that will not only reduce the deficit but ensure we remain within our means as a nation, in discussions and debates on addressing the federal budget deficit, nothing should be eliminated or protected from such discussion and debate, including benefits, programs and projects cuts and revenue increases. We understand that good public policy requires balance, and we just do not see a way to achieve true long term deficit reduction without a full and vigorous discussion. One additional observation, based on our experience, is that we would like to see a mechanism to ensure the spending cuts are implemented and can be maintained before any revenue policy changes are implemented.

The Small Business Legislative Council is a 34 year old 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