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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

Now that Congress has enacted a Continuing Resolution through December 3, the next task ahead of us is to use the coming weeks to engage in a good-faith, bicameral, bipartisan process to reach an agreement on funding levels for Fiscal Year 2022.

As you know well, the annual appropriations process is critical for advancing key national priorities—from protecting public health, to investing in foundational research and development, to ensuring our national security. The American people expect their government to fund these and other priorities at appropriate levels and to do so on a timely basis. Fortunately, the Appropriations Committees have a long history of reaching agreement and delivering results for the American people.

In May, the Biden Administration detailed our proposal for this fiscal year's discretionary funding levels in the President's FY22 Budget. It included significant new investments in areas that have historically enjoyed bipartisan support, including medical research, education, and scientific innovation. It also proposed funding for basic public services and protections that the American people expect of their government, as well as important new efforts to combat serious challenges such as domestic violence, climate change, and the opioid crisis, among others.

Both the House and Senate majorities have also now put forward their proposals for FY 2022 appropriations. We have been pleased to see many of the President's priorities reflected in these bills. We also recognize that any final agreement on appropriations bills will be the product of bipartisan input. As such, we look forward to seeing a proposal from the House and Senate minorities, as the next step in a bipartisan process to reach agreement.

There is no doubt that there are significant differences of opinion on a range of important matters before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. And I do not discount the challenge of bridging those differences. But disagreement and differences of opinion have not, in the recent past, prevented the Appropriations Committees from reaching agreements that benefit the American people. This is a crucial opportunity to do the same this year.

With only just over a month before the December 3rd deadline, now is the time to come together and reach an agreement that will fund core national priorities, address critical gaps, enhance our national security and advance American leadership in the world, as well as provide much needed additional relief to those communities suffering from natural disasters. And we can do that without unnecessary and damaging brinksmanship that would disrupt critical public services that the American people rely on.

Our team at OMB stands ready to partner with you in that shared goal, and we look forward to working with you, your colleagues, and your staff to identify common aims, bridge differences, and engage thoughtfully and diligently to help reach a fair and reasonable agreement as soon as possible so that we can provide families, businesses and communities the certainty they need to move confidently forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shalanda D. Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shalanda D. Young
Acting Director

Identical letter sent to The Honorable Kay Granger, The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, and The Honorable Richard C. Shelby