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The Honorable John Carney
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The Honorable Jim Renacci
328 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Carney and Representative Renacci,

I am writing to express support for The Budget Integrity Act of 2015. The proposals in this legislation would help to focus attention on the nation's long-term budget situation, which is too often overlooked in the current budget process. The bill would also improve Congressional accountability by linking increases in the debt limit to revenue and spending decisions in the budget resolution. This represents one of many sensible approaches we discussed as options to reform the debt ceiling in our recent paper: [Improving the Debt Limit](#).

Although budget process reforms are not a substitute for the policy choices that lawmakers must make in order to address our fiscal challenges, this bill would provide greater transparency and accountability in the budget process, and it is a meaningful step in the right direction.

Thank you for your important work in this area.

Sincerely,

Maya MacGuineas
President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget

cc: Chairman Tom Price, Ranking Member Chris Van Hollen