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President Joseph R. Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

The United States is quickly approaching its limit on our national debt, and analysts expect that we could be just weeks away from a catastrophic national default.

The solution is simple: Work with Speaker McCarthy on a legislative package that will start getting our spending under control, while raising the debt limit to give the country breathing room to implement those reforms. Yet you have repeatedly declined to meet with Speaker McCarthy.

I'm writing to urge you to stop playing politics, show some leadership, and meet with Speaker McCarthy without further delay.

Your staff and advisors were wrong to direct you to refuse to negotiate. The stakes are too high.

Mr. President, do the right thing. Put the nation you serve over your party's political interests. The American people deserve it.

Sincerely,

Tom Cotton

**United States Senator**