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With Women's Action for New Directions

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BIO

- Lawrence J. Korb is a Senior Fellow at American Progress. He is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. Prior to joining the Center for American Progress he was a senior fellow and director of national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations.
- Dr. Korb served as assistant secretary of defense (manpower, reserve affairs, installations, and logistics) from 1981 through 1985. In that position, he administered about 70 percent of the defense budget.

The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, “the Super Committee” was created by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

While most citizens agree our nation’s debt is a serious problem, there’s disagreement on what should be cut.

We NEED to talk about
military spending

Dear Super Committee:

- Why we can cut
- What we can cut
- How much we can save

Why we can cut

- In real dollars the defense budget is higher than at any time since WWII.
- The defense baseline budget has gone up for 13 straight years.
- And is 40% higher than it was at the beginning of the decade.

Why We Can Cut – cont.

- Al Qaeda has been weakened.
- The mission has changed from counter-insurgency to counter-terrorism.

What We Can Cut

- Ground forces
- Nuclear Weapons
- Waste
- Poorly performing and over-budget weapon systems

How much we can save-

1 trillion dollars over the next decade.

(According to the Center for American Progress, the Deficit Commission, Senator Coburn, the Gang of Six.)

Summary

I believe these measures would improve national security and would not harm our troops or hinder readiness.

YOU CAN BE SUPER TOO!



Super Committee Suggestions

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Current Action Opportunities



Visit the online [suggestion box](#) of the super committee and send this message,

“Much of the unchecked Pentagon spending is directed at last-century strategies, leaving us vulnerable as we fail to address 21st century security needs. Pentagon spending discipline is needed to contribute to deficit reduction and to maintain our nation’s economic strength and security. Cut Pentagon spending, not human needs!”

To include more information about specific Pentagon spending cuts in your message to the super committee, click [here](#)

If You Are a Super Committee Member Constituent

Here are the members of the Super Committee. If you are a constituent, please send a message directly to your Super Committee Member:

	Democrats	Republicans
Senators	Patty Murray , Washington, <i>Co-Chair</i> Max Baucus , Montana John Kerry , Massachusetts	Jon Kyl , Arizona Rob Portman , Ohio Pat Toomey , Pennsylvania
House Members	Xavier Becerra , California Jim Clyburn , South Carolina Chris Van Hollen , Maryland	Jeb Hensarling , Texas, <i>Co- Chair</i> Fred Upton , Michigan Dave Camp , Michigan

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<http://www.wandactioncenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/Op-Ed-Letter-to-the-Editor-Guide.pdf>

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