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This week the House and Senate passed a **Continuing Resolution** to fund the government through September 2013. The funding level of the FY2013 Continuing Resolution included sequestration cuts, which means the 8.2 percent across-the-board cut will remain in effect. **I need your help collecting stories and data about the impact of sequestration.** Have labs been shut down? Post-docs been laid off? Has a promising graduate student had to take an industry position rather than an academic position? Has funding been reduced? Have the number of awards decreased? Have the percentage of grant proposals funded declined. I recognize that it may be weeks or even months before we have clear or complete data. However, these stories will be very helpful as I continue to advocate for the elimination of these cuts.

Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) and Senator John McCain (R-AZ) offered an amendment to the Senate continuing resolution bill related to **political science research supported by the National Science Foundation**. The amendment, which passed, requires that the NSF Director certify that funds awarded under the Political Science Program (Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Studies) promote “national security or the economic interests of the United States.” **If you know of research that may be affected by this restriction, please let me know.** While this current amendment applies only to grants funded from FY 2013 appropriations, I expect continued attempts to eliminate or restrict SBE research in the FY2014 appropriations process.

The House passed Budget Chairman Paul Ryan’s (R-WI) **2014 budget resolution**. The spending plan aims to balance the federal budget in ten years by repealing President Obama’s health care law, overhauling Medicare and reducing government spending. Today, the Senate is considering Chairwoman Patty Murray’s (D-WA) FY2014 budget resolution. In sharp contrast to Rep. Ryan’s budget plan, her plan would raise tax revenues by about \$975 billion and cut spending by about the same amount over the next 10 years. The plan, which does not aim to balance the federal budget, also calls for replacing the sequester with a mix of different spending cuts and tax increases, as well as \$100 billion in new spending on infrastructure and job training. President Obama’s FY2014 budget proposal is rumored to be released on April 8<sup>th</sup>. As you may know, these budget resolutions set the benchmarks for appropriations, but do not allocate funding.

***Questions or need assistance***

If you have questions, need additional information about any of the above items, or would like assistance in connecting with senior federal officials, please let me know. I can be reached at [gabanks@ucdavis.edu](mailto:gabanks@ucdavis.edu) or at 530-752-9795.