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# H. R. 2884

To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to eliminate the firewalls between defense and nondefense discretionary spending limits.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2015

Mr. RIBBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS FOR FIS-**  
4 **CAL YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2021.**

5 Paragraphs (3) through (8) of section 251(c) of the  
6 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
7 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(c)) are amended to read as follows:

8 “(3) for fiscal year 2016, for the discretionary  
9 category \$1,016,582,000,000;

1 “(4) for fiscal year 2017, for the discretionary  
2 category \$1,039,599,000,000;

3 “(5) for fiscal year 2018, for the discretionary  
4 category \$1,064,323,000,000;

5 “(6) for fiscal year 2019, for the discretionary  
6 category \$1,091,408,000,000;

7 “(7) for fiscal year 2020, for the discretionary  
8 category \$1,118,618,000,000; and

9 “(8) for fiscal year 2021, for the discretionary  
10 category \$1,145,316,000,000;”.

11 **SEC. 2. DIRECT SPENDING SEQUESTRATION.**

12 Section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
13 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901a) is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 **“SEC. 251A. DIRECT SPENDING SEQUESTRATION.**

16 “(a) IMPLEMENTING DIRECT SPENDING REDUC-  
17 TIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016–2024.—In its sequestra-  
18 tion preview report for fiscal years 2016 through 2024,  
19 OMB shall prepare and the President shall order a seques-  
20 tration, effective upon issuance, of nonexempt direct  
21 spending to achieve the direct spending reductions set  
22 forth below:

23 “(1) for fiscal year 2016, 6.8 percent for non-  
24 defense and 9.3 percent for defense;

1           “(2) for fiscal year 2017, 6.9 percent for non-  
2           defense and 9.1 percent for defense;

3           “(3) for fiscal year 2018, 6.8 percent for non-  
4           defense and 8.9 percent for defense;

5           “(4) for fiscal year 2019, 6.5 percent for non-  
6           defense and 8.8 percent for defense;

7           “(5) for fiscal year 2020, 6.1 percent for non-  
8           defense and 8.6 percent for defense; and

9           “(6) for fiscal years 2021 through 2024, 5.9  
10          percent for nondefense and 8.4 percent for defense.

11       When implementing the sequestration of direct spending  
12       pursuant to this subsection, OMB shall follow the proce-  
13       dures specified in section 6 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-  
14       Go Act of 2010, the exemptions specified in section 255,  
15       and the special rules specified in section 256, except that  
16       the percentage reduction for the Medicare programs speci-  
17       fied in section 256(d) shall not be more than 2 percent  
18       for a fiscal year.

19       “(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCTIONS.—Any re-  
20       ductions imposed under this section shall be implemented  
21       in accordance with section 256(k).

22       “(c) REPORT.—On the dates specified in subsection  
23       (a), OMB shall submit a report to Congress containing  
24       a listing of the reductions required for each nonexempt  
25       direct spending account, and any other data and expla-

- 1 nations that enhance public understanding of this title and
- 2 actions taken under it.”.

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