

January 30, 2014

The Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Commerce, Justice, and Science  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chaka Fattah  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski  
Chairwoman  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Commerce, Justice, and Science  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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Dear Chairwoman Mikulski, Ranking Member Shelby, Chairman Wolf, and Ranking Member Fattah,

We the undersigned organizations thank you for your strong support of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) in the FY14 Consolidated Appropriations Bill. We understand how tight funding is and the many competing interests and so appreciate the \$95 million in FY14 funding for this agency so enormously important to understanding our multi-trillion dollar economy.

As you know, such funding will help to spur economic growth and job creation at the regional level since BEA data are used by federal, state and local governments to inform economic and fiscal policy and by the private sector to inform business and investment decisions.

With BEA data being so important to our economy, we believe your FY14 funding level for BEA will repay the public many times over. Thank you again.

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