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Washington D.C.— In a [letter to President Obama](#), Congressman Duncan Hunter, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, urged the President to use authority provided in the Budget Control Act to exempt military pay for active duty service personnel from sequestration.

“The men and women of our military are the core foundation of the Armed Forces,” writes Hunter. “There is sure to be disagreement on the size and scope of cuts, but one thing that we should be able to agree on is that America’s service men and women must not be used as leverage in future budget negotiations.

“The Budget Control Act does provide you—the Commander in Chief—with discretion over whether to make certain cuts, including the authority to exempt military personnel accounts. Using this authority, I ask that you show your commitment to our military families and take action or at least indicate your intent to exempt military pay for active duty service personnel under sequestration.”