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**Senator John Kerry
One Bowdoin Square
Boston, MA 02114**

Here's the story:

John Kerry is a member of the Joint Committee on the Deficit (the Supercommittee). This Committee composed of 12 Senators and Congresspeople is charged with decreasing the Federal Budget Deficit by \$1.2 trillion by November 23. The full Congress will vote on the proposal by December 23. President Obama can veto the bill.

This Committee is **not** required to find the \$1.2 trillion decrease by **CUTTING** Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and other programs we need. They can end the wars and cut the Pentagon's bloated budget instead. They can also increase revenues through fair taxation (taxing millionaires and billionaires, closing corporate tax loopholes, ending subsidies to oil and coal companies...).

Here's the task:

John Kerry needs to hear from us all – **ASAP** - about what our Federal Budget spending priorities are. This postcard campaign will help turn up the volume! Write your postcard and get your friends to join you in raising their voices.

If you write a postcard while you're here, we'll deliver it with others we collect. If you want to mail it yourself, just detach it and affix a 44-cent stamp.

Senator Kerry, we need JOBS, FAIR TAXATION, and NOT CUTS to the social safety net!

Dear Senator Kerry:

Don't balance the deficit on our backs!

Sincerely,

Name _____ Street and City _____

Email _____ Phone _____



Use your own words. Here is a sampling of possible messages, to help get you started with your postcard:

- **Talk about the programs that matter to you – education, housing, food stamps...**
- Don't cut Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Pell Grants...
- **We need jobs!**
- Don't touch Social Security – it has no connection to the deficit.
- **Don't balance the federal budget on our backs.**
- We need fair taxation – tax the wealthy, close corporate tax loopholes and end subsidies to fossil fuel companies, tax dividends, capital gains, financial transactions
- **Cut bloated /Pentagon/military spending.**
- End the wars, bring the troops home, take care of the veterans.
- **We elected you to represent us!**
- Ask Kerry to be accountable to us by scheduling public hearings to tell us what he is doing in the Supercommittee.

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