Obama’s Sequestration State-By-State

Obama Is Ignoring The Threat Of Sequestration As States Brace For Devastating Cuts

UNDER OBAMA, THE DEFENSE BUDGET FACES $1 TRILLION IN CUTS

Sequestration Would Slash An Additional $500 Billion From The Defense Budget Over The Next Ten Years, On Top Of Obama’s $487 Billion In Defense Cuts

Obama’s FY 2013 Budget Cuts Defense Spending By $487 Billion Over The Next Ten Years. “An array of military programs, from fighter jets to retiree benefits, would be nicked to squeeze savings in the Pentagon's $525 billion budget for 2013, according to officials and documents released Monday. The proposed 2013 budget represents the Pentagon's first installment in a plan to reduce its projected spending by $487 billion over 10 years. Congress must approve the changes.” (Tom Vanden Brook “Pentagon Budget Calls For Cuts To Jets, Benefits,” USA Today, 2/13/12)

Another $500 Billion Will Be Cut If Sequestration Goes Into Effect. “The cuts, roughly $500 billion to both defense and non-defense spending, were set in motion after the supercommittee failed to find more than $1 trillion in deficit reduction last year. The Obama administration has said it’s not yet planning for the cuts, instead arguing they were never intended to be implemented and urging Congress to find a fix.” (Jeremy Herb, “Pentagon’s No. 2 Joining Budget Director At Sequester Hearing,” The Hill's "DEFCON Hill" Blog, 7/11/12)

Total Defense Cuts Would Put Up To 1.5 Million Jobs At Risk. “Sequestration ($1 trillion in cuts) assumes across the board spending cuts with losses peaking in the 2013-2014 time period, with 1 million to 1.5 million jobs lost and that could increase the U.S. unemployment rate by nearly 1 percentage point in the near term,’ said Lt. Col. Elizabeth Robbins, a spokeswoman of the Department of Defense.” (Sean Gorman, “Rep. Randy Forbes Says 1.53 Million Defense Jobs Are ‘At Risk,’” Politifact, 10/12/11)

• Sequestration Will Reduce DOD Spending By $56.7 Billion In 2013, Reducing U.S. GDP By $94.5 Billion. “The estimated decrease in federal spending with the implementation of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (spending for FY 2012 and FY 2013) will reduce DOD spending by a total of $56.7 billion (see Table 4). This reduction in DOD spending is composed of payroll reductions totaling $7.1 billion and procurement reductions totaling $49.6 billion. These spending reductions would reduce U.S. gross domestic product by $94.5 Billion.” (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” Report, 7/17/12)
Yesterday At The VFW Convention, Obama Promised To Maintain U.S. Military Superiority, Contradicting His Earlier Pledge To Veto Legislation That Averts The Automatic Defense Cuts

Obama In 2011: “I Will Veto Any Effort To Get Rid Of Those Automatic Spending Cuts To Domestic And Defense Spending.” OBAMA: “Already some in Congress are trying to undo these automatic spending cuts. My message to them is simple: No. I will veto any effort to get rid of those automatic spending cuts to domestic and defense spending. There will be no easy off ramps on this one. We need to keep the pressure up to compromise, not turn off the pressure.” (President Barack Obama, Statement On The Supercommittee, Washington, DC, 11/21/11)

- Despite The Danger Of Sequestration To Military Readiness, “Obama Has Pledged To Veto Legislation Offered By House Republicans” To Replace Defense Cuts With Other Savings. “The Obama administration, including Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, has warned about what these cuts would mean for military readiness and urged Congress to find savings elsewhere. But Mr. Obama has pledged to veto legislation offered by House Republicans in May that would roll back the military cuts using money saved by paring federal funds for food stamps, Medicaid and other social services.” (Patrick O’Connor, “Military Cuts Loom As Late Campaign Issue,” The Wall Street Journal, 7/8/12)

STATE-BY-STATE DEFENSE CUTS

Arizona


- Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton (D-AZ) Said The Sequester Cuts Are “One Of The Greatest Looming Threats To Our Local Economy.” “One of the greatest looming threats to our local economy was the so-called sequester cuts,’ said Stanton, who heads a U.S. Conference of Mayors defense transition task force.” (Christopher Leone, “Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton: Defense Cuts Could Be ‘Devastating’ To Region’s Economy,” AZ Capital Times, 6/5/12)

Colorado

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Colorado Losing 18,442 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” Report, 7/17/12)

- Under Sequestration, Colorado Business Could Lose More Than $1.22 Billion. “With sequestration, or automatic cuts, to whittle the federal deficit, there would be 18 percent in defense cuts. The group said annual Colorado business losses could be greater than $1.22 billion, and some businesses may have to shut down.” (Ann Schrader, “Colorado Defense Firms Could Lose Millions Of Dollars In Obama Budget Plan,” Denver Post, 2/14/12)
Florida

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Florida Losing 41,905 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," Report, 7/17/12)

- Under Sequestration, Florida Would Lose $2.298 Billion In Wages, And $3.345 Billion In State Domestic Product. (Chuck Crumbo, "Southeast Faces Heavy Job Losses If Defense Cuts Approved," Columbia Regional Business Report, 7/2/12)

Iowa

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Iowa Losing 5,238 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," Report, 7/17/12)


Michigan

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Michigan Losing 13,531 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," Report, 7/17/12)


Minnesota

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Missouri Losing 33,611 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," Report, 7/17/12)


Nevada

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Nevada Losing 4,256 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," Report, 7/17/12)


New Hampshire


**New Mexico**

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In New Mexico Losing 4,911 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” Report, 7/17/12)


**North Carolina**

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In North Carolina Losing 11,895 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” Report, 7/17/12)

- Under Sequestration, North Carolina Would Lose $650.4 Million In Wages, And $947 Million In State Domestic Product. (Chuck Crumbo, “Southeast Faces Heavy Job Losses If Defense Cuts Approved,” Columbia Regional Business Report, 7/2/12)

**Ohio**

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Ohio Losing 21,280 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” Report, 7/17/12)

- In Ohio, Sequestration Would Mean 1,377 Fewer Active-Duty Service Members And A Loss Of 6,250 DOD Civilian Personnel. “House Armed Services Committee estimates show defense cuts in Ohio would mean 1,377 fewer active-duty service members out of 8,261, and the loss of 6,250 Defense Department civilian personnel out of 25,001 in the state, according to the nonprofit and nonpartisan Center for Security Policy in Washington, D.C.” (John Nolan, Barrie Barber, “Ohio Defense Industry Faces Layoffs If Congress Fails To Take Action,” Detroit News, 7/1/12)

**Pennsylvania**


**Virginia**

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Virginia Losing 136,191 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” Report, 7/17/12)

Wisconsin

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Wisconsin Losing 27,609 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” Report, 7/17/12)