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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports H.R. 3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, which would suspend the debt limit for two years and adjust the domestic defense and nondefense budget caps for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The Chamber will consider including votes on this legislation in our annual *How They Voted* scorecard.

This legislation provides a framework intended to restore some degree of order to the appropriations process for the next two years. The agreement should enable Congress to complete remaining appropriations bills in an expeditious manner this fall. We urge all Members to work together to accomplish that goal so Congress can move on to other priorities this year. It also eliminates the economic risk in coming weeks over the timing of extending the debt ceiling.

The Chamber commends the spirit of bipartisanship and cooperation between Congressional leaders and Administration officials that produced this agreement. This should be the approach to other national priorities, including passage of USMCA, infrastructure, and immigration legislation. We recommend a yes vote on H.R. 3877.

Sincerely,

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