



**Congressman Scott Rigell has been bold in advocating for a wiser, reasonable alternative to sequestration.**

**“Sequestration is now in effect and, unless action is taken by Congress and the President, its impact on jobs and military readiness will build in the coming months. I’ve been working for more than a year on this critical issue and that fight will not stop. I will continue to press House and Senate leadership, and the President, to stay at work in Washington until we replace sequestration with a better alternative.”**

**Steps Taken to Help Avoid Sequestration:**

- Voted for, and the House passed, two separate legislative alternatives to sequestration
- Introduced an amendment to the FY13 National Defense Authorization Act to avoid sequestration
- Co-Sponsored the Down Payment to Protect National Security Act of 2013
- Met with President Obama to discuss the strong need to protect our military and stop sequestration
- Met with Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, to outline the potential impacts of defense cuts in VA-02
- Led a joint House letter to the CNO & Secretary of Navy urging them to restore ship maintenance availabilities
- Hosted a briefing with the Navy League of Hampton Roads and Reps. Forbes and Wittman to discuss the impacts of sequestration on our region and the path forward
- Raised awareness of sequestration in VA-02 by:
  - Defending our Defenders listening tour
  - Town hall meeting with Senators McCain, Graham, and Ayotte
  - Numerous town halls with special emphasis on sequestration and the need to find a path forward

**House Actions to Avert Sequestration:**

**On March 29, 2012**, the House of Representatives passed H. Con. Res. 112, the budget resolution for fiscal year 2013, which included reconciliation instructions directing House Committees to craft legislation that would achieve the savings required to replace the sequestration called for in fiscal year 2013, as established by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

**On May 10, 2012**, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5652, the Sequestration Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012, which would replace the \$98 billion sequestration of discretionary spending called for in 2013, as established by the Budget Control Act of 2011, by making changes in law to reduce direct spending by \$310 billion through fiscal year 2022.

**On May 18, 2012**, the House of Representatives passed the Rigell amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, which provided for a conditional replacement of the Fiscal Year 2013 sequestration for direct spending.

**On July 18, 2012**, the House of Representatives passed, and the President later signed into law, H.R. 5872, the Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012, which required the President to submit to Congress a detailed report on the implementation of certain discretionary reductions (in security and nonsecurity categories) and non-exempt direct spending reductions in the sequestration ordered by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act) for Fiscal Year 2013 on January 2, 2013.

**On September 13, 2012**, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 6365, the National Security and Job Protection Act, which provided for

the conditional replacement of the Fiscal Year 2013 sequestration for direct spending.

**On December 20, 2012**, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 6684, the Spending Reduction Act of 2012, which would repeal the automatic defense and non-defense discretionary cuts scheduled to occur in 2013 under the sequestration provision of the Budget Control Act.

**On March 7, 2013**, The House of Representatives Passed H.R. 933, Fiscal Year 2013 Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act. H.R. 933 provides the Department of Defense with an actual operating budget, increases funding for operation and maintenance, including for our Navy's ships and carriers, and eliminates the threat posed if Congress continued to fund the military under a Continuing Resolution.

**Your Congressman Advocating Against Sequestration**

**On the House Floor**

July, 2012: [Rigell Speaks from the House Floor on Looming Defense Cuts](#)

January, 2013: [Rigell says Senate Bill Fails to Address Nation’s Biggest Threat: Uncontrolled Spending](#)

**On TV**

Bloomberg Interview: [Rep. Rigell Speaks with Bloomberg TV about the Need to Avert Sequestration](#)

Rigell Video: July, 2012: [Sequestration: Not an Option](#)

WVEC: [VA Congressional Delegation Calls on Colleagues to Stop Sequester](#)

WAVY: [Congressman Rigell Talks Sequestration](#)

WTKR: [Virginia Congressional Delegation Spread out Across State as Sequestration Looms](#)

**In Print**

Virginian Pilot: [A Model to Avert the Coming Sequester](#)

Politico: [Virginia Republicans: Stop the Sequester](#)

Washington Examiner: [Area Leaders Demand that President Obama, Congress Act to Avoid Deep Federal Cuts](#)

Daily Press: [Virginia Congressional Delegation Unites Against Sequestration](#)



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