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Letter Calls for 'Responsible Action' to Benefit Investors, Markets, Economy

Washington, DC, November 21 - The Investment Company Institute today sent the following letter to the co-chairs of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, or "Super Committee." The letter was signed by signed by 32 leaders of the fund industry, including executives of companies represented on ICI's Board of Governors, the chair of the Independent Directors Council, and the president and CEO of ICI.

Copies of the letter will be delivered to all members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. The letter also appeared as an advertisement in the Monday editions of the New York Times and Roll Call.

The Honorable Jeb Hensarling, Co-Chair The Honorable Patty Murray, Co-Chair Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction 825C Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Hensarling and Senator Murray:

Only days remain for the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to report on its efforts. Meanwhile, more than 90 million American mutual fund investors wait anxiously for Congress and the Administration to act.

These are Americans who are investing for a brighter future—a secure retirement, a better education, or a solid financial foundation. They need responsible action by their government to protect the health of the economy and the financial markets on which they depend.

The time to act is **now**. Last summer, we saw how harmful it is when America's resolve to address our fiscal crisis is put in doubt. Congress and the Administration must work together to put America on a path of fiscal responsibility. The health of our markets, the prosperity of our nation, and the security of future generations all depend upon it.

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