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Budget and Appropriations Strategy for the DOI Self-Governance Advisory Committee and Technical Workgroup Quarterly Meeting

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Where are we?

- **FY2013:** Four months into sequestration now
- **FY2014:** Three different budget frames
 - President's Budget
 - House Budget Resolution and 302(b)s
 - Senate Budget Resolution and 302(b)s
 - Appropriations bills moving despite budget incongruity
 - Most observers think a CR is likely
 - Debt ceiling will need to be raised in fall
- **FY2015:** Beginning stages of FY15 planning

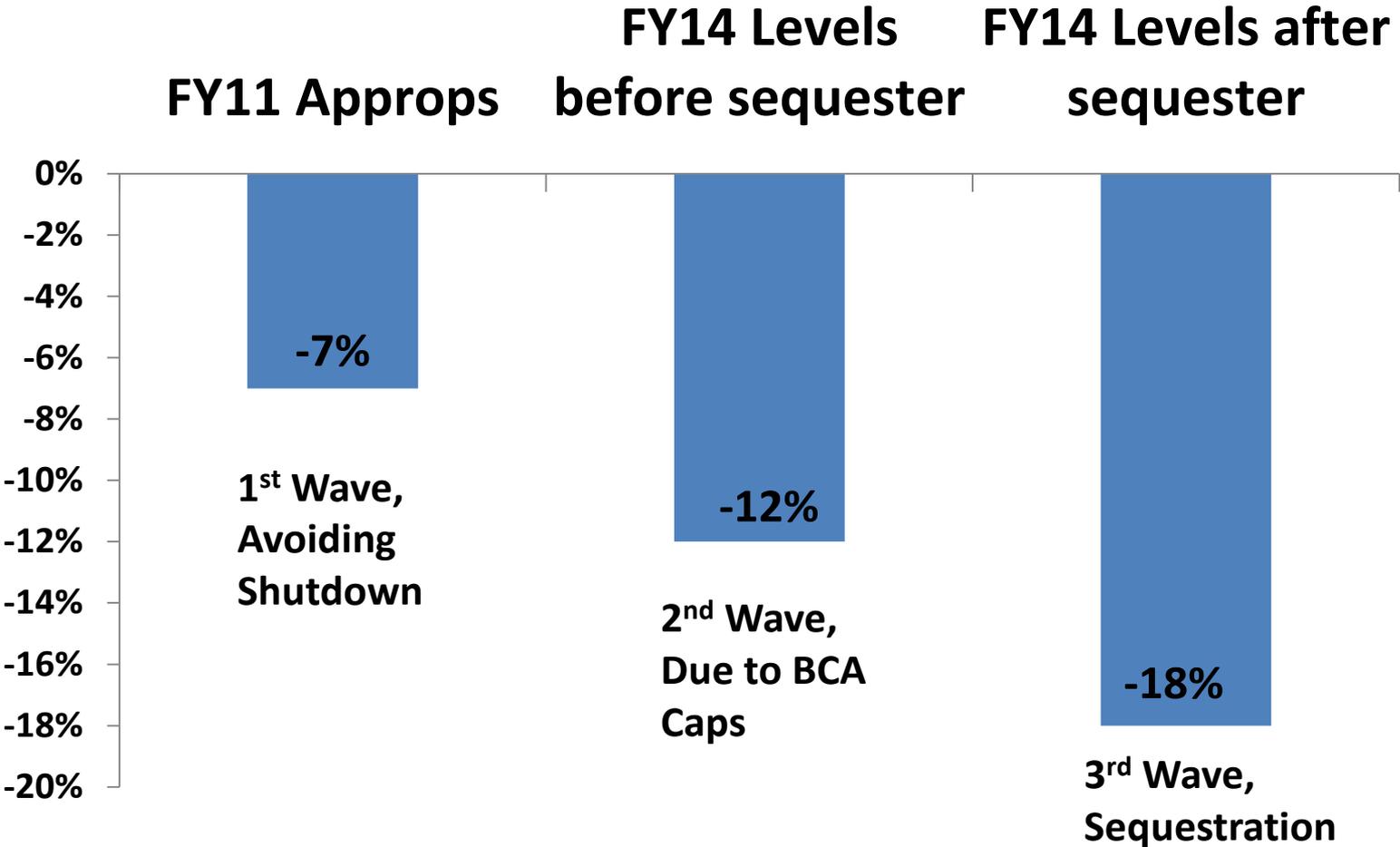


FY2014: Starkly Different Options

- **House** Appropriations Plan
 - It leaves overall sequestration in effect for FY14
 - The House's topline discretionary cap would be at the FY14 level after sequestration as called for in the BCA
 - \$967 billion
 - It overrides a key provision of the BCA and shifts billions of dollars from domestic programs to defense and security programs
 - BCA required equal cuts in Defense and non-Defense
 - It increases defense funding by \$45 billion and reduces domestic spending by the same.
 - Roger's plan reduces the pressure on conservatives to replace sequestration with other deficit reduction

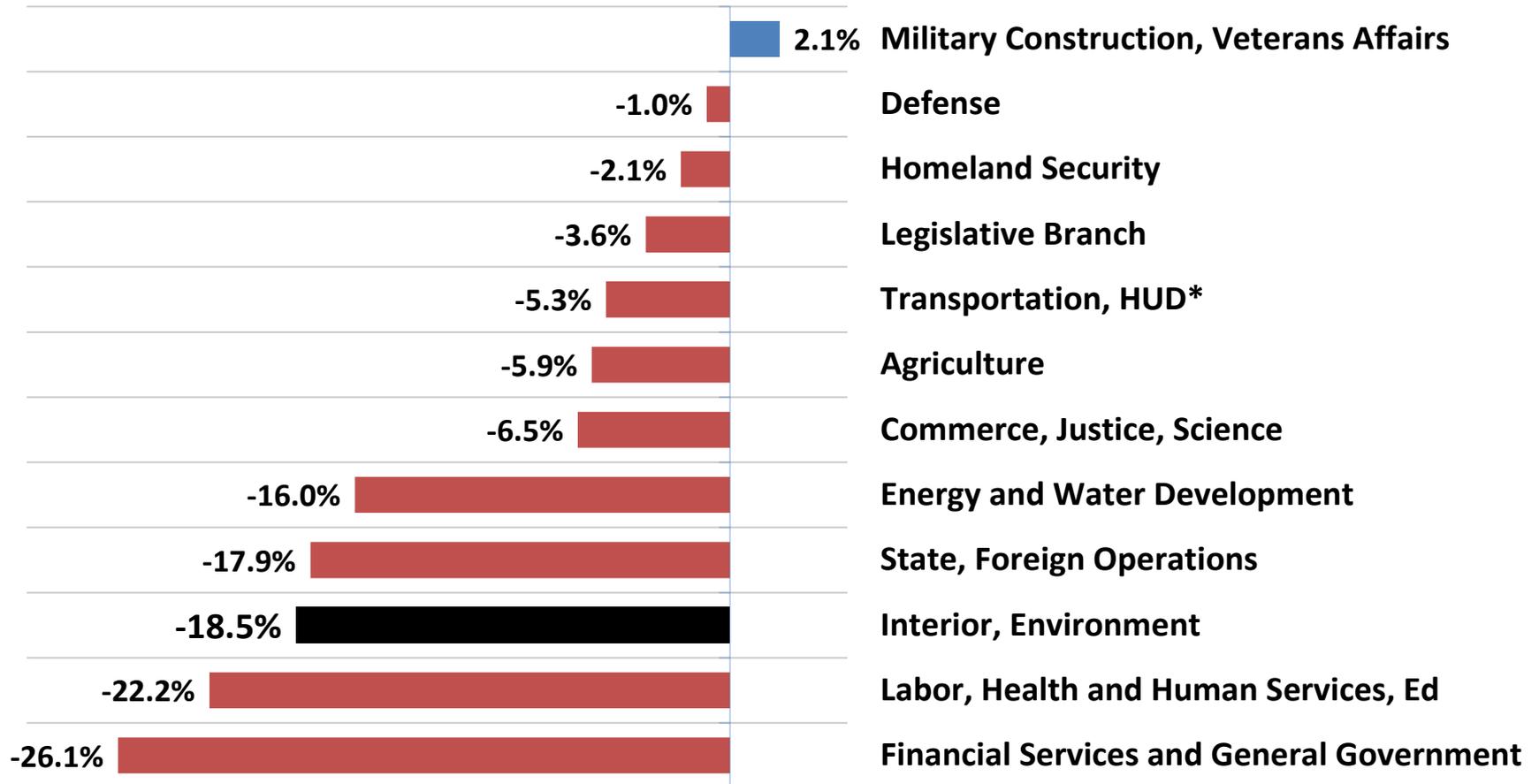


Percent Cut in non-Defense Discretionary compared to FY10, Inflation Adjusted



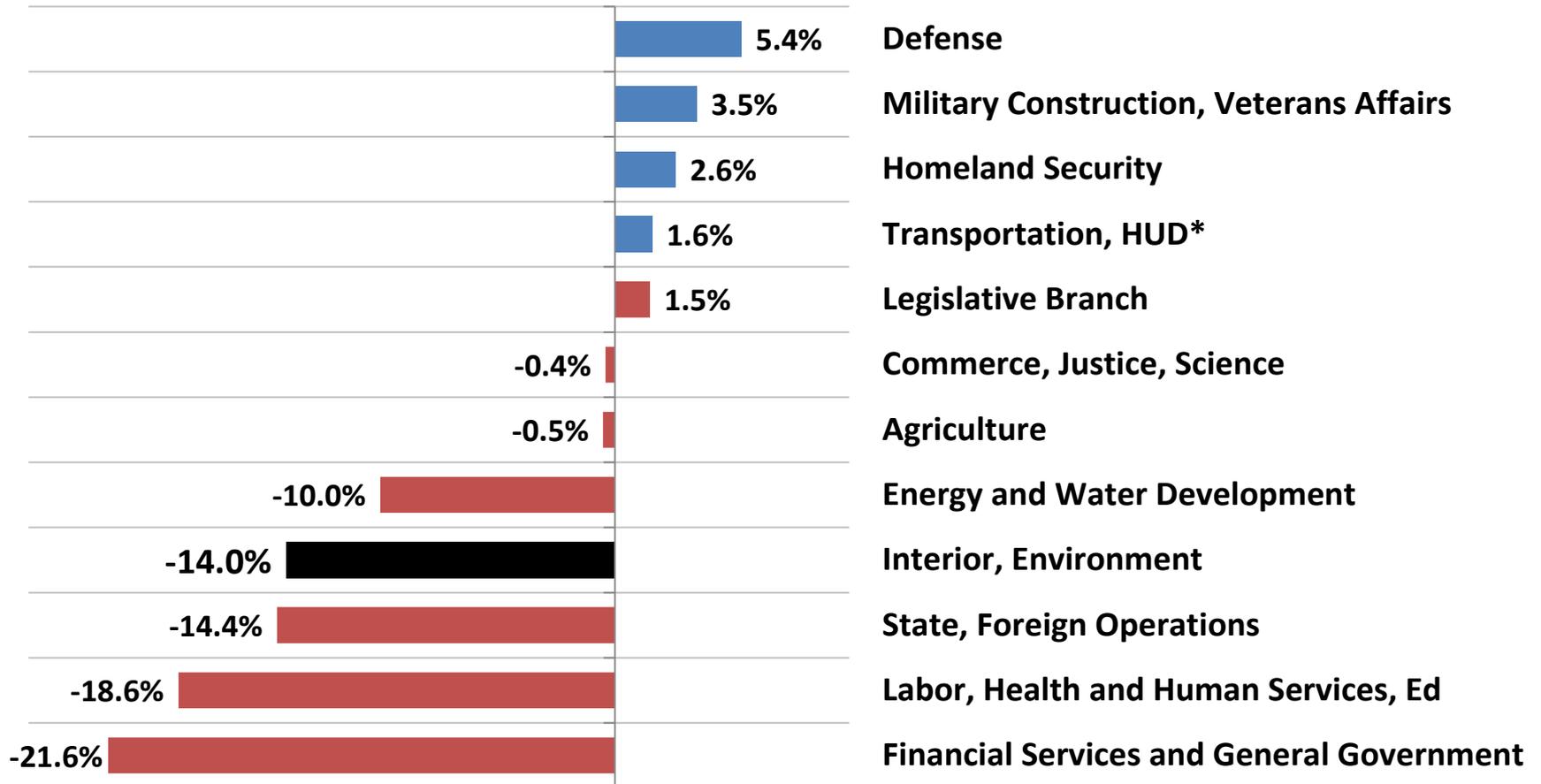
Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

FY2014 House vs. FY2013 excluding sequestration



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FY14 Appropriations Activities

- Interior-Environment Bill
 - Very contentious, due to environmental policy riders and wildlife protection programs.
 - House mark up should be soon. CQ projects that tribal programs stand a chance of receiving increases in the House bill. Senate will likely release a draft but not mark it up.
- Transportation HUD
 - NAHASDA block grant cut from \$650M to \$600M
 - Cole's office said they will work with the Senate side to restore it towards the end of the approps season.

House Interior Markup

- The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) = \$2.347 billion or 7% below the pre-sequester level and 9% below the President's request.
- The Indian Health Service would be funded at \$4.129 billion, or 5 percent below the pre-sequester level and 7 percent below the President's requested level.
 - IHS is funded the same as the post-sequester FY13 level.

Contract Support Costs

- Significantly, the House bill does not include the contract support costs cap language that has been in the bill for about a decade. The bill rejects the Administration's proposal for individually capping contract support costs. The bill also does not include the separate account for contract support costs.

Messages

- Treaty obligations to education, health, public safety and others are ***federal*** responsibilities
- Some tribes have developed other revenue sources to supplement federal sources, but that should not negate need to meet trust responsibility.
- Investments should support tribal self-determination and economic development.

Recent Tribal Advocacy



- FY14 Indian Country Budget Requests
- April 22, released Briefing Paper at **Joint Tribal Budget Briefing** on Hill with 7 Intertribals, with ATNI, CATG, COLT, GLITC, GPTCA, MWTLC, USET
- April 24, 25: **House Appropriations, Interior Subcommittee** Hearing on Tribal Programs, over 85 tribal witnesses
- April 25, **SCIA Budget Hearing**
- April 26, **Contract Support Cost Discussion** with BIA, IHS
- April 26, **Tribal Leader meeting with OMB** -- Interior Division Chief at OMB, Interior Indian Program Examiners
- June: **NCAI Breakout: Tribal Operations & Business During Tight Times.**”

NCAI Budget Taskforce

Resolution Engaging the NCAI Budget Taskforce to Protect Tribal Programs from Impacts of Sequestration through Legislation

- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI budget taskforce work with United States Congress and the Administration to pass legislation to immediately exempt all tribal programs, and federal employees that serve Indian country, from the current sequestration and any future sequestration of appropriations; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI invites all tribes, tribal issue organizations, and regional and intertribal organizations to join in this effort to reverse the effects of sequestration on tribal programs; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI budget taskforce will continue to develop and implement strategies to ensure trust and treaty obligations are protected in the federal budget and appropriations process and work to address sequestration's impacts in Indian Country.

Budget Taskforce Plan

- NCAI to Create template/guidance for tribes for tracking budget reduction impacts
- Webinar for tribes and tribal orgs (second week of August).
- Agenda
 - Provide budget/politics background
 - Invite Lacey Horn from Cherokee to present as well
 - Offer guidance about how to explain budget situation to tribal communities
 - Go over templates
 - Communications advice about telling our stories
- This webinar will prepare us for Tribal Unity Week
- Coordinate with the national orgs to see how they would like to participate/contribute
- Compile tribal impact stories into a new sequestration paper to have final by unity week
- Create webpage on sequestration impacts in Indian Country? A clearinghouse of sorts to list news stories that have run

Take Action

- **Next Unity Action Day, September 10, 2013 in DC**
- **Native American Caucus wants to hold a Sequestration Briefing soon**
 - As part of the effort to document sequester impacts, NCAI requests tribes and tribal organizations to **collect and share specific sequester stories**.
 - If you have **concrete examples** of sequestration's effects on tribal education, public safety, health care, child welfare, infrastructure or other areas, please share with your **member of Congress** and the **media**.

Thank you!

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