March 1, 2013 marked the start of the sequestration, a series of mandatory cuts from the federal budget. In April, the sequestration required drastic reductions in airline staff, leading to chaos for travelers. Congress was pressured to quickly redact these cuts, but those remaining will cause even more harm to the daily lives of citizens.

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE SEQUESTRATION, ITS IMPACTS, AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

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What is being cut from the budget?

The chart below illustrates the distribution of federal spending in fiscal year 2012.

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The cuts do not and after 2013. However, the budget will continue to be reduced over the next 8 years, and $5.2 trillion is spending cuts is achieved.

Who is affected by these cuts?

Approaching 80% of Americans said that they already felt the effects of the sequestration. Below, you’ll find just a few examples of the impacts that specific groups of individuals have had to endure.

1. $120

The White House

2. 125,000 families

CBS

3. 1,000 children

Washington Post

4. 2,650 students

CNN

5. 12,000 meals for seniors

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$42.7B (7.9% reduction)

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