

The logo for the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce features the word "DAYTON" in a large, white, sans-serif font with a horizontal line underneath. To the left of the text are four colored squares: brown, orange, green, and red. Below the "DAYTON" text, the words "Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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November 21, 2011

The Honorable Rob Portman
United State Senate
338 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Portman:

As the Congressional "Super Committee" is nearing the deadline for budget compromise, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce believes it is imperative that a budget agreement is finalized in a timely manner and it preserves funding for key defense installations, like Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio's largest single site employer.

As the Dayton region and our nation are beginning to recover from the economic challenges of the past three years, our employers and citizens need confidence in the ability of government to support an environment in which businesses can grow and succeed. Reaching a consensus on the long debated federal budgets is critical in delivering this confidence to our business community. Additionally, it is critical that key economic and security engines like Wright Patterson Air Force Base are not inadvertently penalized during this process.

As the largest single site employer in the State of Ohio, Wright Patterson Air Force Base has more than a \$5 billion economic impact on the Dayton region. Thousands of private sector defense contractor employees and USAF civilians are working to ensure our national defense is of paramount quality and efficiency. Any budget cuts that are not thoroughly vetted and would affect Wright Patterson Air Force Base could have severe impacts on our national defense and our local economy.

On behalf of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and its more than 2,700 members and 200,000 employees; we respectfully request that the Super Committee maintains its Congressionally mandated objectives and deadlines and delivers to the American people a sound budget reduction plan that recognizes Ohio's economic needs

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip L. Parker", is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the line.

Phillip L. Parker, CAE, CCE
President & CEO