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Chancellors -- The anti across the board cut mentality is not merely a product of our Board of Governors. As I have visited the house and the senate and the governor, all have been very plain spoken that if we ignore their advice about not just cutting across the board, then they will make the decisions themselves and take away our flexibility completely. While the governor's budget only gives us flexibility on 50% of her budget reductions, I believe we currently have the credibility to get that percentage raised in the legislature. But if we, you and I, don't do this right and if we don't make smart cuts rather than just across the board, then we will lose this opportunity to control our destiny forever. And frankly, I believe, we will deserve to , having abrogated our responsibility . It's up to us. Erskine

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