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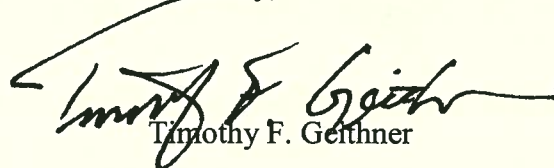
The Honorable Harry Reid
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Leader:

I am writing to notify you, as required under 5 U.S.C. § 8438(h)(2), of my determination that, by reason of the statutory debt limit, I will be unable to invest fully the Government Securities Investment Fund ("G Fund") of the Federal Employees' Retirement System in interest-bearing securities of the United States, beginning today, January 17, 2012. The statute governing G Fund investments expressly authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend investment of the G Fund to avoid breaching the statutory debt limit, and as you know it has been necessary for the Treasury to take such actions in the past during this and previous Administrations. G Fund participants will be unaffected by this action.

As a result of the debt limit certification submitted to Congress by the President on January 12, 2012, unless a joint resolution of disapproval is enacted, the debt limit will be increased by operation of Section 301 of the Budget Control Act of 2011, effective after the close of business on January 27, 2012. By law, the G Fund will be made whole once the debt limit is increased.

Sincerely,



Timothy F. Geithner

Identical letter sent to:

The Honorable John A. Boehner, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House Democratic Leader
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Republican Leader

Cc: The Honorable Dave Camp, Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means
The Honorable Sander M. Levin, Ranking Member, House Committee on Ways and Means
The Honorable Max Baucus, Chairman, Senate Committee on Finance
The Honorable Orrin Hatch, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Finance
All other Members of the 112th Congress