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And the pain continues....Part II

The actual impacts of sequestration

- **The Transportation Security Administration has cut overtime for Customs Agents and Officers.**

What does this mean? Major delays are already being reported at several airports. Chicago O'Hare and Los Angeles are seeing checkpoint and customs delays. In some cases wait times are more than twice what they were before the cuts were implemented. For example, on the Saturday before sequestration, the average processing time at the Customs booths at O'Hare were 12 minutes; the Saturday after the average was 26.7 minutes, an increase of 122%.

- **The Capitol Police closed nearly a dozen entrances around the Capitol because the agency had to cut back on overtime payments to officers needed to guard the doors.**

What does this mean? Lines of staffers and tourists trying to get into the buildings during the morning were clearly visible with lines stretching around the block, including on a very rainy day. Complaints from visitors to the Capitol Police headquarters soared.

- **The Air Force reduced flying hours by 18%, or about 203,000 hours.**

What does this mean? All ground air show participation has been rescinded and/or canceled. This is already having a serious ripple effect in the cities and towns that host these air shows because the Thunderbirds and the Blue Angels (two previous air show performers) are considered a top draw and in some cases account for 25% of the show's ticket sales. Without their participation, many shows are being canceled (such as the one in Indianapolis which also raised \$1.3 million for the Riley Hospital for Children from proceeds from past shows). The result is less revenue and employment in these towns and cities.

Across-the-board cuts to domestic spending are NOT the answer!