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Now the pain begins.... The actual impacts of sequestration

- **The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has already cut 10% of its existing medical research grants which support about 430,000 technical jobs nationwide.**

What does this mean? Critical new research that could have been conducted will not be done; sick people will be turned away from experimental treatments; and once denied a grant, these researchers are out of jobs.

- **One of the Navy's best warships - the USS Harry S. Truman - remains at the pier in Norfolk. Its tour of duty has been delayed.**

What does this mean? The carrier and its 5,000-person crew were supposed to have left for the Persian Gulf on February 8, 2013. It is not known when it will depart to help those military personnel already in the Gulf.

- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials had to review hundreds of illegal immigrant cases and put them on a "more cost-effective form of supervised release" because they did not have enough funding to pay personnel.**

What does this mean? Hundreds of illegal immigrants have been freed from jails across the country.

- **Fish and Wildlife Office of Law Enforcement canceled plans to train 24 new agents who investigate criminal activity and fourteen vacancies for wildlife inspectors who check people and shipping containers at major ports of entry for illegal animal importation will not be filled.**

What does this mean? Every hour of every day there is a wildlife product being smuggled into the United States. The inspectors' unit was already woefully low, but these new cuts, coupled with more serious animal poaching, a growing list of endangered species and a skyrocketing level of international travelers, will only lead to more trade in illegal products and an increased threat to our marine animal and plant life due to the introduction of illegal and possibly invasive species entering into our country.

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