



The Debt Limit: CRS Experts

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The following table provides access to names and contact information for CRS experts on policy concerns relating to the debt limit and legislative proposals to raise the debt limit. Policy areas identified include

- cross-cutting debt limit issues;
- domestic social policy-related programs and agencies;
- foreign affairs, defense, and trade-related programs and agencies; and
- agriculture, environment, natural resources, science and technology, and transportation programs and agencies.

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