"We can afford to cut. We could easily cut $1 trillion over the next 10 to 12 years without compromising national security. That's without touching the wars, which if we ended them now would save taxpayers $1.4 trillion. In the last decade, we've witnessed a 70 percent increase in defense spending, leaving taxpayers with an annual defense budget that doubles the rest of the world's combined defense budgets. This growth reflects defense industry prowess, not threat levels, as our budget is $250 billion above annual Cold War averages. If Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Admiral Mike Mullen is serious when he says that the national debt is the greatest threat to our national security, now is the time for Mullen and the Pentagon to start doing something about it."