

TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ALLIANCE

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Dear House Republicans,

On behalf of the millions of taxpayers and consumers represented by the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA), we write to voice our support for the adoption of certain fiscal and oversight-oriented GOP Conference Rules Amendments for the 118th Congress.

Amendment #3 (Rep. Gary Palmer of Alabama): This amendment prohibits a bill from being considered under suspension of the rules if the cost estimate exceeds \$250 million. At a time when the country is facing crippling inflation and holds more than \$31 trillion in debt, measures containing large authorizing amounts should receive proper consideration under a Rule.

Amendment #6 (Rep. Tom McClintock of California): This amendment requires authorizing committees to review unauthorized agencies and programs and forbids the waiving of points of order against unauthorized appropriations after one year. Effective oversight can only be completed when every committee does its part to review programs under their jurisdiction. If agency programs are to be reauthorized, the justification of their purpose should be carefully considered and transparent.

Amendment #7 (Rep. Tom McClintock of California): This amendment prohibits earmarks and consideration of legislation containing earmarks. In fiscal year 2022, earmarks accounted for nearly \$10 billion in additional, unnecessary spending. Congress should consider regulatory reform to help communities expeditiously complete projects or obtain funding for projects, rather than pork-barreling the already-lethargic appropriations process with supplemental priorities.

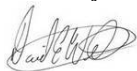
Amendment #10 (Rep. Bob Good of Virginia): This amendment establishes guidelines on appropriations in Conference rules. Over the last 10 years, there has been a sharp uptick in the usage of continuing resolutions (CRs) as stopgap measures to avoid government shutdown. Congress has a constitutional responsibility to pass the annual appropriations bills; the consideration of other measures between August and the end of the fiscal year on September 30th, without funding the government, is an abdication of this duty.

Amendment #14 (Rep. Chip Roy of Texas): This amendment requires any legislation scheduled under suspension of House Rules be noticed to the Conference at least 10 days prior to floor consideration. Amendment #14 will ensure that members and staff receive ample time to review and consider their position on legislation, ultimately improving the cognizance of issues beyond the committee level prior to a vote.

Amendment #15 (Rep. Ralph Norman of South Carolina): This amendment establishes guidelines on when legislation can be voted on by the full House and prioritizes legislation that eliminates or reduces spending and existing federal programs. Amendment #15 creates responsible guardrails for consideration of measures that utilize taxpayer dollars. For too long, Congress has irresponsibly pushed forward legislation without proper committee consideration, transparent cost estimates, dutiful notice, and mandated offsets. This proposal properly places taxpayer interests back in the driver's seat during legislative deliberations.

TPA thanks the above members of Congress for their thoughtful amendments and encourages fellow conference members to vote in favor of adopting these measures for the 118th Congress.

Sincerely,



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President