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Watchdog Slams Wasteful and Reckless Spending Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA) slammed the \$1.4 trillion spending bill for fiscal year (FY) 2020. The spending bill funds the government through September 30, 2020. The Bill, which was released to the public yesterday, is 2,300 pages.

TPA president David Williams slammed Congress for even considering the spending package noting, “we are deeply disappointed that once again Congress has failed to stop runaway overspending in proposing a staggering \$1.4 trillion spending bill. Despite a small number of positives such as the elimination of several taxes imposed by Obamacare, the bill does nothing to address the federal deficit, which is projected to surpass \$1 trillion, or the \$23 trillion debt. Congress absolutely dropped the ball by reauthorizing the crony-capitalist Export-Import Bank.”

Williams continued: “At an average reading rate of one page per minute, it would take each member of Congress 2,300 minutes, or 38 hours, to read the entire Bill. Members of Congress voted on the bill less than 24 hours after the legislation was released. That math doesn’t make sense.”

Williams concluded: “Congress needs to stop kicking the can down the road and make the elimination of overspending an immediate priority. This Bill not only fail to do so, it makes the problem worse. We call on all lawmakers to reject this Bill, and instead pass actual spending reform. If Congress doesn’t know where to cut spending, TPA staff would be happy to sit down with them and show them where spending can be cut without affecting crucial government services.”

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