



November 5, 2021

House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative,

The Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA) urges members of Congress to oppose the Build Back Better Act, H.R. 5376. This bill is expected to be called for a vote on the House floor without a score by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and without a true estimate of the cost to the American people.

This bill is being marketed as a \$1.7 trillion dollar package that is completely paid for by offsetting tax increases. However, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB) has raised concerns about these estimates. Their research shows that the true cost of the bill could be as much as \$4 trillion. CRFB also estimates that the bill will add roughly \$3 trillion to the national debt.

Unfortunately, federal leaders will not have the information at their disposal to properly assess whether the bill will cost what its sponsors say. The CBO will not have the time to score the bill before the planned vote in the House today. The CBO report will contain critical data to allow lawmakers to make an informed decision regarding their vote.

Further, this vote is expected to take place hours after re-introduction. It will take far longer than a few hours to truly comprehend all that this 2,135-page bill entails. A vote today makes it entirely probable that many flaws or harmful provisions will be missed. At the very least, they will be deprived of the thorough debate in a public forum they deserve.

Lawmakers need to take the time to soberly ponder the impact to taxpayers. The American people have dealt with a pandemic, economic lockdowns and restrictions, rising inflation, and supply shortages over the last two years. Their elected representatives owe it to them to carefully consider the potential effects this sweeping legislation could have. This is too important to rush through.

We urge all members of the House to oppose this bill on the floor today. Regardless of the varied disagreements that may exist surrounding this bill, there should be universal recognition of how impactful the legislation will be. The nation deserves a public debate and a full set of facts before policy makers vote on the legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David E. Bonior", written over a light blue horizontal line.

President