



Thomas A. Schatz
President

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the more than one million members of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I urge you to support H.R. 114, Rep. David Dreier's (R-Calif.) Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act of 2011.

It has become customary for Congress to fiscal to pass a budget by the start of the fiscal year. Since 2000, it has taken the government at least sixty days beyond October 1 to pass a budget for the remainder of the corresponding fiscal year. Excessive reliance on continuing resolutions is not a fiscally responsible way to appropriate taxpayer dollars and prevents legislators from focusing on the many other important issues facing the country.

The creation of a biennial budget will allow lawmakers to perform their most critical responsibilities. Devoting the first session of each Congress to the budget and appropriations process will enable members to spend the second session on oversight, ensuring transparency and accountability in federal expenditures.

A two-year budget will save a great degree of time and resources that are being wasted in the current process. This reform will help streamline the budget process and yield savings from long-term procurement contracts.

Providing more opportunities to scrutinize federal spending and eliminate wasteful and duplicative programs will help lawmakers control the nation's growing debt. I strongly urge you to support the Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act of 2011. All votes on H.R. 114 will be among those considered for CCAGW's *2011 Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Schatz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.