



Independent Women's Voice Supports the Unauthorized Spending Accountability Act

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Dear Members of Congress,

Independent Women's Voice, which fights for policies that enhance people's freedom, opportunities, and well-being, is proud to support the **Unauthorized Spending Accountability (USA) Act (H.R. 143)**, sponsored by Representative Kat Cammack.

If enacted, the USA Act will put unauthorized federal programs on a pathway to sunset over three years through progressive budgetary reductions—a 10% cut in the first fiscal year, followed by 15% cuts in the second and third years—culminating in full termination after the third year unless Congress reauthorizes the program with a sunset provision of no more than three years. This will increase government accountability and rein in unnecessary federal spending, preventing the waste and misuse of taxpayer dollars.

Unauthorized spending is the money spent by federal agencies that have no authorization from Congress. To ensure that money is being spent well, funding for these programs should be reviewed periodically. And if Congress does not have the time to periodically review a program, then it is not worth taxpayer funding.

The USA Act could save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. In fiscal year 2020, the Congressional Budget Office calculated **\$332 billion** in federal funding being spent despite their original congressional authorizations having expired. This means that the government needlessly spent billions of dollars on programs that were most likely intended to operate and be funded for a limited period of time.

Independent Women's Voice is proud to support the Unauthorized Spending Accountability (USA) Act and thanks Representative McMorris Rodgers for her leadership on this important issue. Given that our federal debt is soaring to

unprecedented and alarming levels, it is more critical than ever that we work to eliminate wasteful spending and protect taxpayers. We urge all members of Congress to work toward the bill's swift passage and take a meaningful step toward restoring fiscal accountability in government.

Respectfully,

Carrie Lukas

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Lukas". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Carrie" and "Lukas" being capitalized and prominent.

*Executive Vice President
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