

December 17, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
521 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker,

On behalf of the millions of taxpayers and consumers we represent, the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA) writes in strong support of four commonsense pieces of legislation—H.R. 5457, H.R. 5749, H.R. 5578, and H.R. 143—that would collectively advance transparency, accountability, and fiscal discipline across the federal government. At a time of increasing deficits and growing public concern about wasteful spending, these bills represent meaningful steps toward restoring trust in how taxpayer dollars are managed.

H.R. 5457, the Strengthening Agency Management and Oversight of Software Assets (SAMOSA) Act—introduced by Reps. Shontel Brown (D-Ohio), Nancy Mace (R-S.C.), and Pat Fallon (R-Texas)—addresses another long-standing source of waste: fragmented and poorly managed federal software spending. The federal government spends tens of billions of dollars annually on software, yet agencies often lack a clear understanding of what they own, what they use, and what they need. By mandating comprehensive software inventories, encouraging consolidation, and directing Office of Management and Budget as well as Government Accountability Office oversight, this bill would reduce duplication, curb unnecessary spending, and promote smarter procurement practices—saving taxpayers money while improving cybersecurity and efficiency.

H.R. 5749, the Official Time Reporting Act—introduced by Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.)—would shine much-needed light on the use of “official time” within the federal workforce. Taxpayers deserve to know how much time and money are being devoted to non-core government activities, particularly when those costs are borne by the public. By requiring standardized, annual reporting from the Office of Personnel Management, this bill would allow Congress and taxpayers alike to assess trends, costs, and justifications for official time usage. Transparency is not punitive—it is a prerequisite for responsible governance.

TPA also supports H.R. 5578—introduced by Reps. Robert Garcia (D-Calif.) and James Comer (R-Ky.)—which strengthens whistleblower protections for federal contractors and subcontractors. Contractors play a critical role in federal operations, and they are often the first to identify fraud, abuse, or mismanagement. Ensuring they can report wrongdoing without fear of retaliation—even when that retaliation originates within the federal bureaucracy itself—protects both taxpayers and the integrity of government programs. Robust whistleblower protections are a proven, cost-effective tool for uncovering waste and safeguarding public funds.

Finally, H.R. 143, the Unauthorized Spending Accountability Act—introduced by Rep. Kat Cammack (R-Fla.)—confronts one of Washington’s most persistent fiscal failures: the continued funding of programs whose authorizations have long since expired. By establishing a structured reduction and eventual termination process for unauthorized programs, this bill would incentivize Congress to conduct regular oversight and reauthorization, rather than allowing “zombie programs” to persist on autopilot. This reform would restore Congress’s constitutional power of the purse and ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent only on programs that have been affirmatively reviewed and approved.

Taken together, these bills reflect a serious commitment to transparency, accountability, and respect for taxpayers. The Taxpayers Protection Alliance urges Congress to advance and enact these reforms without delay.

Sincerely,



David Williams
President