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The Honorable James Comer  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Accountability  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Comer:

On behalf of the Center for Procurement Advocacy, I write to express strong support for the **Stop Secret Spending Act (H.R. 2069)**. This legislation represents an important step toward strengthening transparency and accountability in federal spending by ensuring that Other Transaction Authority (OTA) agreements are reported to [USAspending.gov](https://USAspending.gov).

OTA agreements have become an increasingly important tool for the federal government—particularly within the Department of Defense—to rapidly access innovative technologies and partner with nontraditional contractors. However, because many OTA awards are not consistently reported through existing federal spending transparency frameworks, a significant portion of federal obligations may remain outside the public reporting systems designed to provide visibility into how taxpayer dollars are spent. By amending the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to explicitly include OTA agreements within the scope of required reporting, the Stop Secret Spending Act ensures that these awards are captured alongside contracts, grants, and other federal financial assistance.

Improving the completeness of federal spending data will benefit policymakers, oversight bodies, industry, and the public by providing a more accurate picture of how federal funds are being obligated. Greater visibility into OTA activity will also support informed congressional oversight while preserving the flexibility that makes OTA authorities valuable for mission-driven acquisition.

We appreciate your leadership in advancing policies that strengthen transparency and accountability across the federal procurement system, and we respectfully urge Congress to move forward with the Stop Secret Spending Act.



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Sincerely,

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