

**TAXPAYERS
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Dear Representative:

The Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA), representing millions of taxpayers across the country, writes in support of **H.R. 4884, Controlling the Unchecked and Reckless Ballooning of (CURB) Lifeline Act of 2016**. This bill would implement much-needed reforms to the Lifeline program, including a phase-out of the so-called “Obama Phone” program that has seen rampant waste, fraud, and abuse. The legislation also caps the Lifeline budget at \$1.5 billion as opposed to the \$2.25 billion requested by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), thus saving taxpayers \$725 million.

This legislation puts in place needed caps to a program that has seen its budget grow while abuses within the program have also increased, costing taxpayers a great deal of their hard earned dollars in the process.

A March 2015 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report noted that the, “FCC should conduct a program evaluation to determine the extent to which the Lifeline program is efficiently and effectively reaching its performance goals. FCC agreed that it should evaluate the extent to which the program is efficiently and effectively reaching its performance goals and said that FCC staff will address GAO’s recommendation.” Asking for more money before these questions are answered is premature and this is why H.R. 4884 is so important.

TPA urges all members of the House to support H.R. 4884. This legislation will implement much needed reforms to a program that has been plagued by waste, fraud and abuse.

Regards,



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President

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