

**Amendment 2159 - To require that the Department of Defense use existing authority to implement GAO duplication recommendations.**

Federal duplication and the mismanagement of taxpayer funded government programs is one of the most critical matters currently facing Congress.

For the past three years, the GAO has issued annual reports on duplication and opportunities to consolidate federal programs to increase efficient use of scarce taxpayer dollars and produce better outcomes for those programs.

The findings in these reports are a testament to failed congressional efforts of oversight and a reminder Congress continues to shirk its duty to address even blatant areas of waste and mismanagement of taxpayer funding.

Not one corner of our daily life remains untouched by a government program or federal effort. From what we eat and drink, to where we live, work, and socialize, nearly every aspect of human behavior and American society are addressed by multiple government programs. In an often frantic effort to claim credit for addressing the latest social or economic problem of the day, members of Congress propose and pass legislation, while the president signs into law, new programs and even new federal agencies, duplicating existing efforts, few of which can demonstrate any measurable results.

The annual reports on duplication produced by GAO should serve as a roadmap for extensive federal savings, to help put us on a path of fiscal solvency and begin reducing our deficit.

This year's recommendations include savings of:

- \$50-\$200 million annually by addressing fragmentation in its foreign language support contracts
  - Currently, 159 contracting organizations in 10 different DOD components contract for these services
- \$82 million in development and acquisition cost savings through increased collaboration on combat uniforms

- The services went from using two patterns to seven service-specific uniforms

**To date, DOD has only fully addressed one of the 27 recommendations made by GAO to reduce duplication and generate cost savings that could be utilized for other priority programs.**