AMENDMENT NO. _______ Calendar No. _______

Purpose: To rescind $120 billion in Federal spending by consolidating duplicative government programs, cutting wasteful Washington spending, and returning billions of dollars of unspent money.

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Viz:

1. At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 TITLE _____—ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE AND WASTEFUL SPENDING

3 SEC. 1. IDENTIFICATION, CONSOLIDATION, AND ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

4 The Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office shall conduct routine investigations to identify programs, agencies, offices, and initiatives with duplicative goals and activities within Departments and govern-
mentwide and report annually to Congress on the findings, including the cost of such duplication and with reccomendations for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication identifying specific rescissions.

SEC. 2. REPEAL OF INCREASE OF THE OFFICE BUDGETS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–68 for the legislative branch, $245,000,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That none of the funding available for the Legislative Branch be available for any pilot program for mailings of postal patron postcards by Senators for the purpose of providing notice of a town meeting by a Senator in a county (or equivalent unit of local government) at which the Senator will personally attend.

SEC. 3. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–80 for the Department of Agriculture, $1,342,800,000 in obligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That as proposed by the President’s FY 2010 budget, no funding may be available for the Economic Action Program, which is duplicative of USDA’s Urban and Commu-
nity Forestry program, has been poorly managed, and has funded questionable initiatives such as music festivals: Provided further, That no funding may be available for the High Energy Cost grant program, which is duplicative of the $6,000,000,000 in low interest loan programs offered by the USDA’s Rural Utilities Service: Provided further, That as included in the Congressional Budget Office’s August 2009 Budget Options document, which states that the program “merely replaces private spending with public spending”, no funding may be available for the Foreign Market Development Program, which also duplicates the Foreign Agricultures Service’s Market Access Program: Provided further, That the Secretary shall consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the numerous programs administered by the Department relating to encouraging conservation, including the Conservation Stewardship Program, which the Government Accountability Office revealed in 2006 is duplicative of other USDA conservations efforts, including the Conservation Reserve Program, the Wetlands Reserve Program, the Farmland Protection Program, the Wildlife Habitat Program, and the Grassland Reserve Program: Provided further, That the Secretary shall work with the Secretary of Energy to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the numerous programs administered by both Departments relating to bioenergy
promotion, including the Department of Energy’s Biomass Program, the Department of Agriculture’s Biomass Crop Assistance Program, the Biorefinery Program for Advanced Fuels Program, and the Biobased Products and Bioenergy Program, the Biorefinery Repowering Assistance Program, the New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program, and the Feedstock Flexibility Program: Provided further, That the Secretary shall work with the Secretary of Energy to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the numerous programs administered by both Departments relating to alternative energy, including the Department of Energy’s Geothermal Technology Program, Wind Energy Program, and the Solar Energy Technologies Program, and the Department of Agriculture’s Rural Energy for America Program: the Secretary shall consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the numerous programs administered by the Department that provide food assistance to foreign countries, including the USAD Foreign Agricultural Service, the food for Progress Program, the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, the food for Peace programs, the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust, and the Local and Regional Procurement Projects; Provided further, That for any program for which funding is prohibited in this section, any activities under that program that are
deemed by the Secretary to be necessary or essential, the Secretary shall assign to an existing program for which funding is not prohibited in this section.

SEC. 4. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–117 for the Department of Commerce, $697,850,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That the Secretary shall work with the Secretary of Agriculture to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the programs administered by both Departments that provide rural public telecom grants, including eliminating USDA’s grants to rural public broadcasting stations, as proposed by the President’s FY 2010 budget, which duplicates the Department of Commerce’s Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which also receives Federal funding: Provided further, That no funding may be made available for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, which duplicates the Small Business Administration’s Small Business Development Centers and which has been found by the Office of Management and Budget to “only serve a small percentage of small manu-
factures each year”: Provided further, That the Secretary
shall work with the Secretaries of Housing and Rural De-
velopment and Agriculture to consolidate and reduce the
cost of administering the programs administered by these
Departments relating to Economic Development, including
the following programs, the Economic Development Ad-
ministration, the Community Development Block Grants,
Rural Development Administration grants, the National
Community Development Initiative, the Brownfields Eco-

tomic Development Initiative, the Rural Housing and
Economic Development grants, the Community Service
Block Grants, the Delta Regional Authority, the Commu-

ity Economic Development grants, and the Historically
Underutilized Business Zone program: Provided further,
That for any program for which funding is prohibited in
this section, any activities under that program that are
deemed by the Secretary to be necessary or essential, the
Secretary shall assign to an existing program for which
funding is not prohibited in this section.

SEC. 5. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION
OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDA-
TION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–
117 for the Department of Education, $3,213,800,000 in
unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That the Secretary shall work with Secretaries from other Federal Departments to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the at least 30 Federal programs that provide financial assistance to students to support postsecondary education in the forms of grants, scholarships, fellowships, and other types of stipends, including the 15 such programs at the Department of Education, such as the Academic Competitiveness Grants, the TEACH grants, the Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, the Leveraging Educational Assistance Program, the Javits Fellowships Program, Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need program, as well as the three similar programs administered by the National Science Foundation, such as the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program, as well as a program at the Department of Justice and one at the Health Resources Administration: Provided further, That the Secretary shall work with Secretaries from other Federal Departments to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the at least 69 Federal programs dedicated in full or in part to supporting early childhood education and child care, as outlined by the Government Accountability Office, which found that these 69 education programs are spread across 10 different agencies: Provided further, That the Secretary shall work with
Secretaries from other Federal Departments to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the at least 105 Federal science, technology, math, and engineering education programs, as outlined by the Academic Competitiveness Council, which found that these 105 education programs are spread across numerous Federal agencies:

Provided further, That the Secretary shall work with Secretaries from other Federal Departments to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the numerous student foreign exchange and international education programs, including the at least 14 programs at the Department, including the American Overseas Research Centers, Business and International Education, Centers for International Business Education, the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, the Institute for International Public Policy, the International Research and Studies, the Language Resource Centers, the National Resource Centers, the Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access, and the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, the State Department’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, the Boren National Security Education Trust Fund, and exchange programs administered by the National Science Foundation’s Office of International Science and Engineering.
SEC. 6. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION
OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION
OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111-85 for the Department of Energy, $1,321,800,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That the Secretary shall work with Secretaries from other Federal Departments to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the various Federal weatherization efforts, including Federal funding for State-run weatherization projects, the Department of Energy’s Energy Conservation and Weatherization grants, as well as the Department of Energy’s building Technologies Program, the LIHEAP weatherization efforts, the National Park Service’s Weatherization and Improving the Energy Efficiency of Historic Buildings program, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Energy Innovation Fund: Provided further, That the Secretary shall consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the various energy grant programs, including the Tribal Energy grant program, which overlaps with the Department’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, and the Energy Start Energy Efficient appliance Rebate Program: Provided further, That the Secretary shall consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the various vehicle tech-
nology programs at the Department, including the Vehicle
Technologies program, the Advanced Battery Manufac-
turing grants, the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manu-
facturing Loans Program, and the Innovative Technology
Loan Guarantee Program.

SEC. 7. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION
OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–
117 for the Department of Health and Human Services,
$4,116,950,000 in unobligated balances are permanently
rescinded: Provided, That the Secretary, in coordination
with the heads of other Departments and agencies, shall
consolidate the programs that support nonresidential
buildings and facilities construction, including the 29 pro-
grams across 8 Federal agencies identified by the Govern-
ment Accountability Office. The Secretary, in coordination
with the Secretary of HUD and USDA and other appro-
priate departments and agencies, shall consolidate duplica-
tive programs intended to reduce poverty and revitalize
low-income communities, including the HHS Community
Services Block Grant, the HUD Community Development
Block Grant, and USDA Rural Development program:
Provided further, That the Secretary shall work with Secretaries from other Federal Departments to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the dozens of Federal programs, across multiple agencies, that funded childhood obesity programs, either as the main focus or as one component of the Federal program.

SEC. 8. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–83 for the Department of Homeland Security, $2,205,000,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That the Secretary shall work with Secretaries from other Federal Departments to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the dozens of Federal homeland security programs, as identified by the Office of Management and Budget, which states that “a total of 31 agency budgets include Federal homeland security funding in 2010”.

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SEC. 9. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–117 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, $2,302,450,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That the Secretary shall work with Secretaries from other Federal Departments to consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the various Federal programs aimed at addressing homelessness, including the Supportive Housing Program, the Shelter Plus Care Program, the Single Room Occupancy Program, the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, programs at Health and Human Services such as the Basic Center Program, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, and the Street Outreach Program, and also including the more than 23 housing programs identified by the Government Accounting Office that target or have special features for the elderly.
SEC. 10. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION
OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–88 for the Department of Interior, $606,200,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided,

That the Secretary shall consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the at least 11 historic preservation programs at the Department, including the 9 preservation programs at the Heritage Preservation Services, such as the Federal Agency Preservation Assistance Program, the Historic Preservation Planning Program, the Technical Preservation Services for Historic Buildings, as well as the Save America’s Treasures Grant Program, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Preserve America program: Provided further, That the Secretary shall consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the various climate change impact programs at the Department, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs office Tackling Climate Impacts Initiative, the U.S. Geological Survey’s National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, the US Fish and Wildlife Service climate change initiatives, and the state and tribal wildlife conservation grants which are being provided to entities to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change on wildlife: Provided further,
That the Secretary shall consolidate and reduce the cost of administering the dozens of invasive species research, monitoring, and eradication programs at the Department, including the eight programs administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Services, the similar programs administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the 4 Federal councils created to coordinate Federal invasive species efforts, the National Invasive Species Council, the National Invasive Species Information Center, the Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds, and the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

SEC. 11. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–117 for the Department of Justice, $1,385,100,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That the Attorney General in coordination with the heads of other Departments and agencies, shall consolidate Federal offender reentry programs, including those authorized by the Second Chance Act, the DOJ Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance Prisoner Reentry Initiative, the Department of Labor Reintegration of Ex-Of-
fenders program, the Department of Education Lifeskills for State and Local Inmates Programs, and the HHS Young Offender Reentry Program: Provided further, That the Attorney General shall consolidate the four duplicative grant programs, including the State Formula Grant program, the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Block Grant program, the Challenge/Demonstration Grant program, and the Title V grant program, administered under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and reduce the cost of administering such programs: Provided further, That the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), shall consolidate Federal programs that assist state drug courts, including substance abuse treatment services for offenders, such as the HHS Adult, Juvenile, and Family Drug Court program, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Drug Court Treatment Program, the DOJ Drug Court Program, the ONDCP National Drug Court Institute: Provided further, That the Attorney General shall eliminate the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) which duplicates the activities of 19 other drug intelligence centers and reassign any essential duties performed by NDIC.
SEC. 12. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–117 for the Department of Labor, $679,100,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That the Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other Departments and agencies, shall consolidate the 18 programs administered by the Department and ten programs administered by other agencies that support job training and employment, such as the Adult Employment and Training Activities program, Dislocated Worked Employment and Training Activities, Youth Activities, YouthBuild, and the Migrant and Seasonal Farmers program and reduce the cost of administering such programs.

SEC. 13. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–117 for the Department of State, $1,318,550,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: Provided, That in accordance with the President’s FY 2010 budget, no funding may be made available for the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West,
which duplicates the State Departments cultural exchanges: 

*Provided further,* That no funding may be made available for the Asia Foundation, which duplicates efforts at USAID and the National Endowment for Democracy: 

*Provided further,* That for any program for which funding is prohibited in this section, any activities under that program that are deemed by the Secretary to be necessary or essential, the Secretary shall assign to an existing program for which funding is not prohibited in this section.

**SEC. 14. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–117 for the Department of Transportation, $1,090,500,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded: 

*Provided,* That the Secretary shall consolidate and reduce the costs of various duplicative highway programs, including the regionally specific development programs, the Federal-Aid Highway Programs under chapter I of title 23, United States Code, the Research programs authorized under title V of Public Law 109–59: 

*Provided further,* That the Secretary shall consolidate and reduce the costs of various rail-line relocation grant programs, including the Rail-Line Relocation and Improvement Capital...
Program, and the Highway-Rail Crossings Program, the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program.

SEC. 15. REPEAL OF EXCESSIVE OVERHEAD, ELIMINATION OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.

Of the funds made available under Public Law 111–117 for the Department of Treasury, $677,650,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded.

SEC. 16. RESCISSION OF UNSPENT AND UNCOMMITTED FUNDS FEDERAL FUNDS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the $657,000,000,000 in Federal funds unobligated at the end of fiscal year 2009, the discretionary, unexpired funds available for more than 2 consecutive fiscal years, as of the date of enactment of this Act, are permanently rescinded.

SEC. 17. IMPLEMENTATION OF RESCISSIONS.

All rescissions required by this title—

(1) shall come from discretionary amounts appropriated; and

(2) should be rescinded not later 14 days after the date of enactment of this title.
SEC. 18. NULLIFICATION OF INCREASE IN THE STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any increase in the statutory limit on the public debt shall be null and void.