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President

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U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

You will soon consider S. 1243, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2014. On behalf of the more than one million members and supporters of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I urge you to support the following amendments:

- Amendment No. 1750, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), which would prohibit federal funds from paying the salaries of federal tax cheats.
- Amendment No. 1751, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn, which would prohibit federal funds from being used for union activities by federal employees while on the clock.
- Amendment No. 1752, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn, which would strike Small Community Air Service Development program funding.
- Amendment No. 1753, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn, which would strike the extension through 2020 of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, already authorized through 2015, to prevent further duplication.
- Amendment No. 1754, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn, which would prohibit federal funds from being used to meet matching requirements of federal homeless assistance grants.
- Amendment No. 1755, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn, which would strike specific exemptions for Alaska, Mississippi, Iowa, and Los Angeles County from the requirement of public housing authorities (PHA) to have a resident on their board.
- Amendment No. 1756, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn, which would require all reports to be made available to Congress and non-classified reports to be made public.



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- Amendment No. 1757, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn, which would require a report from the Secretary of HUD on legislative options to update the community development block grant formula.
- Amendment No. 1758, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn, which would reduce funding for community development block grants to \$2.8 billion, which is the level recommended by the president.
- Amendment No. 1780, offered by Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), which would increase the transparency of cyber security funding.

These amendments would eliminate or reduce funding from profligate government-funded programs that Americans do not need and taxpayers simply cannot afford. All votes on S. 1243 will be among those considered in CCAGW's 2013 *Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,

Thomas Schatz