

**Chairman Hal Rogers**  
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I thank the Chairman for yielding.

Consistent with last year, this Subcommittee has faced a difficult budget allocation and by all appearances has risen to the challenge - carefully scrutinizing the activities of wide range of federal agencies including several with a growing list of malfeasance: accusations of political bias, errant release of personal information, contempt for the Congress and egregious waste of taxpayer dollars. With sequestration still the law of the land, this bill painstakingly targets its \$4.3 billion in reductions to poorly performing, unwieldy agencies while terminating ten wholly redundant and non-essential programs.

To this end, both IRS and GSA are facing spending reductions and restricted funding until there are clear signs that they have fixed their broken bureaucracies, curtailed lavish spending on employee conferences and awards, and returned to abiding by the will of Congress. The IRS, the largest agency within this legislation, is funded 30% below the request, a reduction of \$3.9 billion from FY13. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration – central to exposing the recent spate of scandals– will receive a \$5 million increase above the request to enhance its oversight operations. Meanwhile, the IRS and this Administration won't be reward with funding to implement the costly, big government individual mandate within ObamaCare, either directly from this Subcommittee or in the form of a transfer from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Every year there are arguments that increasing the IRS's enforcement funding will yield far greater revenues. That a sequestered IRS is forecasted to bring in more in tax revenue this year than any other year in American history, I think demonstrates more funding is not necessary for the IRS to properly fulfill its duties. As Principal Deputy Commissioner Werfel himself explained before this Subcommittee last month: more money is not the solution to the agency's problems. Music to an appropriator's ears.

Programs essential to good governance and in support of our economic recovery are prioritized. The judiciary, federal drug task forces, and the Treasury's financial intelligence operations – including the enforcement of sanctions on Iran – all received funding commensurate with fulfilling their missions. Programs like the Small Business Administration and the Community Development Financial Institution are fully funded to support the private sector, particularly in communities that suffered disproportionately from the recession.

This bill reflects the interests of the American people in increasing transparency, cutting fraud and waste, preventing ObamaCare's disastrous mandate and supporting our nation's job creators, entrepreneurs and small business leaders.

I urge that the Subcommittee promptly report this bill to the full Committee.

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