

March 6, 2025

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Thune, Leader Jeffries, Leader Schumer, and Leaders of the Appropriations Committees:

As Congress considers legislation to fully fund the government for the remainder of FY25, the undersigned organizations urge you to **strongly oppose the Administration's request for additional rescissions to IRS enforcement funding**. Rescinding this money will enable wealthy individuals and big corporations to cheat on their taxes while depriving the country of critical revenue needed to invest in building the middle class and the nation's fiscal health. We encourage Congress to reject any base funding cuts or rescissions that would imperil the IRS's ability to provide taxpayer services and ensure that all taxpayers are paying their full obligations due under law. In addition we ask you to oppose harmful poison pill riders, including any rider blocking the popular and effective Direct File program.

The investments made to rebuild the IRS have shown strong results:

- The IRS is now answering taxpayer calls as it should, clearing backlogs, and transmitting timelier tax refunds. The agency answered nearly 90 percent of calls during the 2024 filing season (a vast improvement from 18 percent in 2022). Average wait times dropped from 29 to 4 minutes.
- In the 2024 filing season, the IRS conducted a Direct File pilot program that allowed taxpayers in 12 states to file their taxes online for free without commercial tax preparers, saving working families hundreds of dollars. Data released by the IRS further confirms that the pilot was an incredible success with a 90 percent satisfaction rate. The program was so successful that Treasury Secretary Bessent committed to maintaining it for the current filing season. When fully phased in, the program is estimated to save Americans \$11 billion annually in filing and time costs and could deliver \$12 billion more in currently unclaimed tax credits for low-income families.
- On the enforcement side, the IRS is devoting new resources to increasing tax collections from high-income tax evaders. The IRS has collected over \$1 billion in past-due taxes from millionaires and is using new tools to identify large partnerships to audit, such as hedge funds and real estate firms, after years of auditing high-income partnerships at near-zero rates. Estimates suggest that every \$1 spent auditing high-income individuals means more than \$12 in additional tax revenue.

As Congress considers legislation to fund the government for the remainder of FY2025, Congress should maintain current funding for the IRS, and reject any cuts to the agency's annual base funding as well as any additional rescissions of the funding provided to the IRS. Further rescissions of the IRS's Enforcement funding would undermine collection of tax revenue and enforcement of the tax laws, benefitting the wealthy and big corporations at the expense of workers and families.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and urge Congress to act accordingly.

Sincerely,

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

20/20 Vision

Accountable.US

AFL-CIO

Alliance for a Just Society

Alliance for Retired Americans

American Family Voices

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)

American Federation of Teachers (AFT)

Americans for Financial Reform

Americans for Tax Fairness

Autistic People of Color Fund

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network

Beyond Careers

Blue Future

Center for American Progress

Center for Common Ground

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Center for Popular Democracy

Center for the Study of Social Policy

Change Machine

Children's Defense Fund

Children's HealthWatch

Churches United for Fair Housing

Coalition on Human Needs

Color Of Change

CommonDefense.us

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

Consumer Action

Demand Action

DemCast USA

Dems Make Life Better

Demos Action

Economic Security Project Action

Equal Rights Advocates

Fair Share America

Families Over Billionaires

Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition

First Focus Campaign for Children

Futures Without Violence

Groundwork Action

Health Care for America Now (HCAN)

Health Care Voter  
Institute for Policy Studies, Poverty Project  
In The Public Interest  
Income Movement  
Indivisible  
Institute for Policy Studies -Inequality Program  
Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy  
Just Harvest  
Just Solutions  
Main Street Alliance  
MomsRising  
My Money Story  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Community Action Partnership  
National Disability Institute  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Women's Law Center  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Our Revolution  
Oxfam America  
Patriotic Millionaires  
P Street  
People's Action  
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)  
Public Citizen  
RESULTS  
Revolving Door Project  
RootsAction.org  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Small Business For America's Future  
Social Work Grand Challenge to Reduce Extreme Economic Inequality  
State Revenue Alliance  
Stop TB USA  
Strong Economy For All Campaign  
Take on Wall Street  
The Expectations Project  
The Workers Circle  
UnidosUS  
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice  
United Church of Christ  
Unrig Our Economy  
Voices for Progress  
Young Invincibles

**STATE ORGANIZATIONS**

Action NC  
Advancing Connecticut Together  
All Home (CA)  
Arkansas Asset Builders  
California Alliance of Caregivers  
Campaign for Working Families, Inc.  
CASH Campaign of Maryland  
Catalyst Miami (FL)  
CCAN Action Fund  
Center for Common Ground, NJ  
Churches United for Fair Housing (CUFFH)  
Colorado Fiscal Institute  
Common Good Iowa  
Courage California  
DBT For You  
Empire State Voices  
Every Texan  
Georgia Budget and Policy Institute  
Golden State Opportunity (CA)  
Grace – End Child Poverty California  
Grow Brooklyn (NY)  
Honest Arizona  
Housing Action Illinois  
Hunger Free Vermont  
Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute  
Indivisible Georgia Coalition  
Indivisible Marin (CA)  
Instituto del Desarrollo de la Juventud (PR)  
ISAIHA (MN)  
The Karabelle Pizzigati Initiative in Advocacy for Children, Youth and Families at The  
University of  
Maryland  
La Victoria Foundation  
Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families  
Lower Cape Indivisible, Women In Number  
Maine Center for Economic Policy  
Maine Equal Justice  
Michigan Families for Fair Care  
Michigan League for Public Policy  
Nebraska For Us  
New American Association Of Massachusetts  
New Mexico Voices for Children  
Northwest Progressive Institute  
Oregon Center for Public Policy  
Our Children Oregon  
Pennsylvania Policy Center

Prepare + Prosper (MN)  
RAISE Texas  
RESULTS Alaska  
RESULTS Albuquerque  
RESULTS Bremerton/North Kitsap  
RESULTS Central Ohio  
RESULTS Central & Western Pennsylvania  
RESULTS Cleveland  
RESULTS Dallas  
RESULTS Detroit  
RESULTS District of Columbia  
RESULTS Houston  
RESULTS Idaho  
RESULTS Maryland  
RESULTS Massachusetts  
RESULTS New Jersey  
RESULTS North Florida  
RESULTS Oklahoma  
RESULTS Orlando  
RESULTS Philadelphia  
RESULTS San Diego  
RESULTS Seattle  
RESULTS Sierra Nevada  
RESULTS Silicon Valley  
RESULTS South Carolina  
RESULTS Tennessee  
RESULTS Tri-Cities, Washington  
RESULTS West Virginia  
RESULTS Western North Carolina  
RESULTS Wisconsin  
Rise Up WV  
Rocky Mountain Values (CO)  
San Diego for Every Child (CA)  
SimplifyCT, Inc.  
The Language of Connection Spokane (WA)  
Tygart Valley United Way (WV)  
United Ways of California  
United Way of New York City  
Vermont Asylum Assistance Project  
Voices for Vermont's Children  
Washington Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition  
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Washington State Budget and Policy Center  
West Virginia Center on Budget & Policy  
West Virginia Citizen Action  
West Virginia CWA State Council

cc: Members of the House Appropriations Committee  
Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee  
Members of the House Ways & Means Committee  
Members of the Senate Finance Committee