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U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

You will soon consider several resolutions that would disapprove rules offered within the last six months of the Obama administration, pursuant to the Congressional Review Act. 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 resolutions:

Rep. Kevin Brady's (R-Texas) resolution to disapprove of the Department of Labor (DOL) rule relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants. The rule contradicts the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, which aimed to reform unemployment insurance, and prevents states from implementing congressional intent.

Rep. Tim Walberg's (R-Mich.) resolution to disapprove of the DOL rule relating to savings arrangements established by states for non-governmental employees. The rule would force some employers to enroll employees in government-run IRAs, without the protections afforded them by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

Rep. Francis Rooney's (R-Fla.) resolution to disapprove the DOL rule relating to savings arrangements established by qualified state political subdivisions (i.e., cities and counties) for non-governmental employees. The resolution, in blocking a regulation that extended the Obama administration's "safe harbor" to include certain municipalities, would protect hard-working taxpayers from being on the hook to honor promises made by local agreements.

Rep. Don Young's (R-Ala.) resolution to disapprove the Department of the Interior rule, "Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska." The rule restricts hunting and wildlife management practices and fundamentally undermines the state's authority as outlined in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

Rep. Diane Black's (R-Tenn.) resolution to disapprove of the Department of Health and Human Services rule relating to compliance with Title X requirements by project recipients in selecting sub-recipients. The rule, which takes away the ability of states to prioritize funds to health clinics with greater ranges of care, undermines existing state laws surrounding access to healthcare.

It is critical that Congress removes as many of the "midnight regulations" as possible, forced on taxpayers by the previous administration. All votes on these resolutions will be among those considered for CCAGW's 2017 Congressional Ratings.

Sincerely,
Tom Schatz