



Sunset Caucus

Waste Action Alert

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Eliminate Taxpayer Funds for Stimulus Advertisement

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Program or Item Targeted: Taxpayer funded advertisement of the “stimulus”

Cost of Program or Item: \$20 million

Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted: All across America, signs are being displayed at construction sites advertising that a particular project was funded by the stimulus. According to some reports, these signs can cost taxpayers up to \$10,000 each.

Why This Program or Item Is Wasteful: Despite being sold as an infrastructure improvement package, less than 8% of the stimulus went to true infrastructure projects. Of that 8%, \$20 million went for the purpose of creating these advertisement signs. In these difficult economic times, taxpayer’s hard earned money should not be spent on propaganda for infamous legislation, especially one that only passed with partisan support and bipartisan opposition.

Legislative Steps Taken So Far: Representatives Darrell Issa (R-CA), Aaron Schock (R-IL), and Erik Paulsen (R-MN) offered an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, H.R. 5950, in the House Rules Committee that would have prohibited funds in the bill from paying salaries to any employee who authorized or approved physical signage to indicate a project has been funded by the “stimulus.” The amendment was not made in order by Chairwoman Slaughter and the Rules Committee.

If you would like to participate in eliminating wasteful programs with the RSC Sunset Caucus, please e-mail Brad.Watson@mail.house.gov.

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