



Sunset Caucus

Waste Action Alert

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Eliminate Taxpayer Funds for Stimulus Advertisement

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Program or Item Targeted: Road signs advertising “stimulus” spending.

Cost of Program or Item: Potentially as high as \$20 million nationwide.

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. While the Administration has proved incapable of accurately accounting for how much has been spent on these signs, an estimated \$20 million could be going towards them.

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.

MEMBER ACTION ITEM: Rep. Aaron Schock has introduced H.R. 389, the End the Stimulus Advertisement Act, which would prohibit funding for any additional “stimulus” signs and would reduce each federal agency’s budget by the amount they have already spent on such signs. The same measure was introduced in the 111th Congress as H.R. 5679, and was featured as part of the [YouCut](#) program. It was offered on the House floor, receiving unanimous Republican support, and 11 Democrats voting in favor of the measure. Members are encouraged to cosponsor this legislation by contacting Kelli Ripp at Kelli.Ripp@mail.house.gov.

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

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working to sunset programs that taxpayers shouldn’t be paying for.”*

