

Waste Action Alert

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Eliminate the 'Hope VI' Program

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Program or Item Targeted: This bill would eliminate the Hope VI Program.

Cost of Program or Item: This bill could save up to \$1 billion over ten years.

Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted: The Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOPE VI program was established in 1992 to provide grants to public housing agencies to enable them to demolish obsolete, distressed or vacant public housing units and provide replacement housing to families displaced by these demolitions. By 2005, HUD noted that the program's goals of demolishing the nation's most dilapidated public housing units had been met, and the Bush administration requested that the program be terminated. Seven years later, the program continues to receive funding. The Obama Administration's FY2010 budget noted that Hope VI has spent \$6.1 billion since its inception and produced over 100,000 new units.

Why This Item Is Wasteful: Given that the program already exceeded its stated goal, there is no reason for the program to continue to be funded. HUD has dozens of housing programs, and there is no reason to continue funding a program such as Hope VI which duplicates the effort of other programs. OMB has stated that Hope VI "is more costly than other programs that serve the same population." Hope VI also has several years worth of redevelopment processes that OMB previously labeled "inherently long" and "drawn-out". This is a program that will remain and continue to be funded unless it is eliminated.

MEMBER ACTION ITEM: Rep. Francisco Canseco has introduced H.R. 3539, the HOPE VI Program Termination Act. This bill will eliminate the HOPE VI Program. If you are interested in being a cosponsor for H.R. 3539, please contact Brian O'Shea at Brian.Oshea@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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