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*Support HR 5766, the Government Efficiency Act
(GEA) –bipartisan inefficiency, waste, fraud and
abuse legislation*

GEA Facts

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Dear Colleague:

It has become increasingly clear that the status quo cannot address the inefficiency, spending and waste problems that persist within our federal government. Duplicative, complicated, outdated and inefficient systems are unfortunately the norm. With this in mind, I introduced legislation to target waste, fraud, and abuse in the federal government – H.R. 5766, the Government Efficiency Act (GEA). Unfortunately there is a lot of misinformation about what this bill would and would not do:

1. GEA would automatically abolish federal agencies and programs, including welfare, low-income housing, Social Security, and veterans benefits.

FALSE! GEA is not a "sunset" bill. Instead, GEA sets the framework for the establishment of bipartisan commission or commissions to conduct a review of domestic agencies and programs and make recommendations for the elimination or realignment of unnecessary, outdated and inefficient programs. The commission(s) will submit their recommendations to Congress which will consider the report and decide whether or not to act on those recommendations. No agency or program is ever set to automatically expire.

2. GEA is partisan.

FALSE! 4 of the 7 Members are selected in consultation with the Majority and Minority in the House and Senate. In addition, each commission will have 4 ex-officio Members from the Majority and Minority of each Chamber to participate in the review.

3. GEA would cede Congressional power to the Executive Branch

FALSE! GEA mandates Congressional participation throughout the process: in establishing the commission by Joint Resolution, in the selection of the commission, in commission proceedings, in Committee review of the commission report, and finally Congress is the entity which acts on the report.

4. GEA abandons Congress' oversight responsibility.

FALSE! GEA is a **tool** to help Members with our oversight duties. GEA protects Committee Jurisdiction and legislative authority. In addition to representation in the Commission, the commission report will be referred to the Committee(s) of jurisdiction for review and they will have the opportunity to amend the recommendations and report with or without favor. The House also has the ability to debate and vote on the commission report.

5. GEA is a fast track bill.

FALSE! GEA establishes expedited procedures to ensure that the commission report isn't yet another waste of taxpayer money, sitting untouched on desks around Washington. Rather than fast-tracking the commission report, GEA ensures Committee oversight while guaranteeing that the report cannot die in Committee.

I encourage you to support this important effort to help us do our job of overseeing the federal government.

Best regards,



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