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CURE Supports Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act

Dear Representative:

The Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE) supports **H.R. 1968, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025** and urges you to vote for it on Tuesday, March 11.

This legislation maintains core government operations without increasing the overall spending of taxpayer dollars. It upholds America's commitment to our veterans and ensures full funding for their healthcare services and benefits.

H.R. 1968 enhances defense investments and includes the largest pay raise for junior enlisted troops in more than 40 years. It responsibly increases funding for air traffic control priorities over the FY 2024 level. The bill also supports federal wildland firefighters and their work to protect Americans and land.

Per President Trump's request, H.R. 1968 provides a \$500 million nutrition program increase for women, infants and children (WIC), but offsets this and the previously noted increases with restraints on discretionary spending in other areas. These include a \$10 billion rescission from the Commerce Department's Non-Recurring Expense Fund, \$20 billion from 'Inflation Reduction Act' IRS funding, and \$13 billion by not carrying forward earmarks from FY24.

President Trump supports this legislation so that he can continue his efforts to streamline and rebuild a federal government that works for the American people. Passage of this bill is critical to ensuring transparency and accountability in government spending.

If Congress passes this legislation by Friday, March 14, you will help protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid recipients from the disruptions and confusion a shutdown will cause.

House Republicans and responsible Democrats must pass H.R. 1968 to achieve meaningful reforms to government spending and our federal bureaucracy. Failure to advance this bill will only empower the 'progressive' majority of House Democrats to demand unnecessary increases in spending. They will also insist on legislative language to restrict President Trump's ability to root out waste and make the federal bureaucracy leaner and more efficient.

CURE's mission is to fight poverty and restore dignity through messages of faith, freedom and personal responsibility. We promote the virtues of capitalism and the rule of law to improve our culture and reduce government dependency. H.R. 1968 will help advance these objectives; therefore, we urge you to vote for this important legislation on Tuesday, March 11.

Sincerely,

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