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# National Taxpayers Union Vote Alert

**NTU urges all Senators to vote “YES” on the amendment offered by Senator Wayne Allard to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 3043), which would reduce spending by 10 percent on federal programs rated “Ineffective” by the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). Savings would be used to lessen the burden of the national debt on current and future taxpayers.**

PART is an ongoing project aimed at setting standards and analyzing performance through individual program reviews. Programs designated “Ineffective” have been “unable to achieve results due to a lack of clarity regarding purpose or goals, poor management, or some other significant weakness.” Cutting funds for these “underachievers” is a good way to inject some sorely needed prioritization into the budget process.

**Roll call votes on the Allard Amendment will be included in our annual Rating of Congress.**

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C O U N C I L F O R



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Dear Senator,

As you debate H.R. 3043, the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, Sen. Wayne Allard (R-Colo.) will offer an amendment that will cut funding by 10 percent for programs labeled "ineffective" under the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). On behalf of the more than 1.2 million members and supporters of Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I ask that you support this amendment.

PART was developed to assess and improve program performance in order to obtain better results and a more efficient government. According to OMB's most recent assessment, 3 percent of all federal programs are "ineffective."

Several ineffective programs are within the Departments of Labor, HHS, and Education. Since they are not providing much value, it should be simple to support cutting their funding by 10 percent. Doing so will save taxpayers at least \$54 million. Furthermore, all the funds will be used to pay down the national debt.

I urge you to support this fiscally sound amendment. All votes on H.R. 3043 and Sen. Allard's amendment will be among those considered in CCAGW's 2007 Congressional Ratings.

Sincerely,

*Thomas Schatz*

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