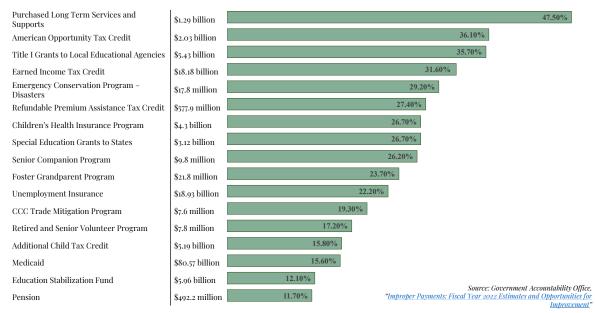
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WASTE & FRAUD in ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

Reverse the Curse: U.S. House Budget Resolution (FY24-FY33)

In 2022 alone, the federal government spent at least \$247 billion on improper payments according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The rate of these improper payments has increased by nearly 60 percent. According to testimony received by the Budget Committee, "over the past 10 years, the federal government has spent \$1.96 trillion (in inflation-adjusted dollars) on improper payments." The upcoming budget window projects improper payments to exceed \$2 trillion.

Federal Programs with Annual Estimated Improper Payment Rates Greater Than 10 Percent for Fiscal Year 2022



Our budget resolution assumes reducing improper payments by half, saving \$1 trillion. Common sense solutions include:

- Improve data sharing among agencies and require agencies to leverage data and protect taxpayers. According to Congressional testimony, while agencies are required to use the Do Not Pay database before spending taxpayer funds, "agencies generally receive the results after payments have been made."
- Propose applicants for the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit use a valid Social Security Number.
- Allow states to **keep a percentage** of recovered fund.
- Condition funding for states on compliance with anti-fraud rules,
- Hold underperforming agencies accountable for their mismanagement of taxpayer resources.

