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The Honorable Jodey Arrington  
Chairman  
Committee on the Budget  
United States House of Representatives  
204 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Arrington,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Strengthening Administrative Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) Act of 2024. This critical piece of legislation ensures that the original intentions of PAYGO's principles are preserved and correctly implemented. It's past time Congress address the past misinterpretations of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and I am thankful for the House Budget Committee's timely consideration of this important matter.

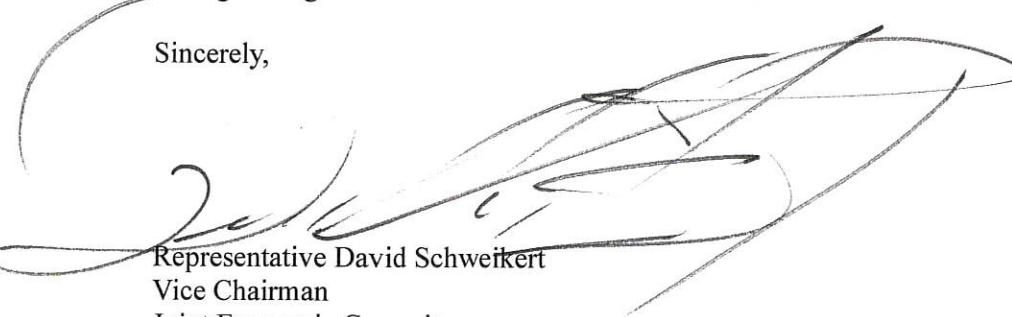
The Strengthening Administrative PAYGO (SAP) Act of 2024 is essential for maintaining fiscal discipline and ensuring long-term adherence to budget neutrality principles. This bill promotes transparency and accountability by requiring the Director of OMB to submit waiver determinations and detailed estimates of the budgetary effects of covered actions to the Budget Committees. Additionally, this bill would ensure that the actions covered are budget neutral and terminate the sunset provision in the Fiscal Responsibility Act, making permanent Administrative PAYGO designed to bend the spending curve and keep the federal bureaucracy in check.

Legislative oversight of PAYGO's use is critical, as evidenced by the Biden administration's estimated ballooning of the ten-year deficit by at least \$480 billion, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. Such measures are imperative to uphold fiscal responsibility, reinforce the integrity of our budgeting process, and prevent Legislative Branch circumvention.

Our government's fiscal management practices must reflect our nation's economic realities. The Strengthening Administrative PAYGO Act of 2024 does just that, ensuring our government can no longer operate beyond its means while instilling a lasting framework that will prevent present and future administrations from unchecked spending. I urge your support and swift consideration of this bill on behalf of the younger generations set to pay for current and past fiscal irresponsibility.

Thank you for considering my views on this vital issue. I look forward to your support of the Strengthening Administrative PAYGO Act of 2024.

Sincerely,

  
Representative David Schweikert  
Vice Chairman  
Joint Economic Committee