



## ECONOMIC POLICY INNOVATION CENTER

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Representative Yakym and Representative Bergman:

Improper payments made by Executive Branch agencies are a major problem. According to the Office of Management and Budget's own reporting at [PaymentAccuracy.gov](https://www.paymentaccuracy.gov), \$235.7 billion of improper and unknown payments were reported in fiscal year 2023. These improper payments exceeded even the \$185 billion that was appropriated for the U.S. Army.

The House Budget Committee and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability have established a working group to identify solutions for improper payments and coordinate legislative efforts.

The Improper Payments Transparency Act would be a useful first step in acknowledging the full scope of the problem of improper payments. This legislation would require the President's budget to include an accounting of improper payments and include a strategy to address and prevent improper payments.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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