Romina Boccia, CATO

Strengthen budget data sharing. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) plays a critical role in informing Congress about the fiscal state of the nation as well as in providing forward-looking guidance for how policy changes will affect the budgetary picture. At times, CBO has encountered difficulties accessing necessary data from other government agencies which complicates the production of objective, impartial, and timely analyses of legislative proposals. The Congressional Budget Office Data Sharing Act (H.R. 7032) empowers CBO to get the data it needs to get the job done, ensuring legislators can make informed budgetary decisions. Improving fiscal reporting should be a nonpartisan priority and it's encouraging to see that this is the case for H.R. 7032, which was reported out of the House Budget Committee with unanimous support.