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The Honorable Jodey Arrington
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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jack Bergman
566 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Representatives Arrington and Bergman:

The Constitution of the United States gives the power of the purse to Congress, not the President. The burden of ensuring that constitutional power is used appropriately is great, so we applaud your assumption and shouldering of that awesome responsibility.

We are especially grateful for all the House Budget Committee has done to develop and advance the Strengthening Administrative PAYGO Act of 2024. The procedural standards of Administrative PAYGO have enjoyed broad bipartisan support for many years, and for good reason. Our government desperately needs fiscal responsibility. Specifically, the Executive Branch needs to follow Congress's longstanding instruction to offset discretionary increases in direct spending. The Strengthening Administrative PAYGO Act of 2024 would help to ensure that longstanding instruction is carried out by Federal departments and agencies.

With the nation quickly running out of fiscal space, we simply cannot allow meaningful spending restraints like Administrative PAYGO to be disregarded. Thank you for your thoughtful leadership on this issue of vital national importance.

Sincerely,

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