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Dear Member:

Taxpayers for Common Sense has taken a position on the following amendments to H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2017.

We believe the amendments directly below will promote better stewardship of scarce federal resources. Please consider a “yes” vote on these amendments when they come up for a vote on the House Floor.

Amendment 16, Burgess/Schakowsky/DeFazio/Welch/Lee (CA): Requiring a report ranking all military departments and Defense Agencies in order of how advanced they are in achieving auditable financial statements as required by law.

Amendment 89, Thornberry: Amending Section 101 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021) to address the National Security Council’s enlarged staff size and subsequent micromanagement of military operations, which is inconsistent with its statutory advisory and coordination roles. The amendment would also increase oversight and accountability by requiring Senate confirmation of the National Security Advisor if the staff size of the National Security Council exceeds 100 employees.

Amendment 172, Sanford: Requiring the Secretary of Defense to account for the total cost of National Guard flyovers at public events and publish them in a public report.

Amendment 173, Brat: Creating a process for foreign governments to petition DOD to return surplus property to that government. Expands use of residual value obtained from returned foreign property from facility maintenance and operations to readiness programs.

Amendment 213, Mulvaney/Van Hollen/Sanford/Lee (CA): Codifying criteria developed by OMB in 2010 to clarify when military spending should be designated as contingency operations and properly be part of the Overseas Contingency Operation budget.

Amendment 281, Blumenauer/Quigley/Polis Requiring the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the total cost of research, production and maintenance of the B-21 aircraft.

We believe the amendment below will not promote better stewardship of scarce federal resources. Please consider a “no” vote on this amendment when it comes up for a vote on the House Floor.

Amendment 77, McKinley/Delaney/Cook/Garamendi/Harris/King (NY): Requiring the Secretary of Defense to ensure that every tactical missile program of the Department of Defense that uses solid propellant as the primary propulsion system shall have at least two fully certified rocket motor suppliers in the event that one of the rocket motor suppliers is outside the national technology and industrial base.

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Sincerely,

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