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Waste Action Alert

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Eliminate Taxpayer Subsidies to the United Nations Population Fund

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Program or Item Targeted: Taxpayer subsidies to the United Nations Population Fund

Cost of Program or Item: \$55 million in FY 2010

Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted: The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the principal unit within the United Nations for global population issues, is the world's largest source of population and reproductive health programs. Under the Reagan Administration the U.S. withheld all contributions to UNFPA after determining that UNFPA participated in the support of China's population control program. Under the Bush Administration, the U.S. withheld funds for the UNFPA due to their complicity in China's one-child policy enforced through coercive abortion and involuntary sterilization. The [Obama Administration](#) and the 111th Congress resumed contributions to UNFPA.

Why This Program or Item Is Wasteful: For the last 30 years, there has been contentious debate about whether the United States should financially contribute to UNFPA because UNFPA aids China's coercive family planning programs and policies. UNFPA has been widely denounced for its involvement in China's one-child policy, which relies on coercive abortion and sterilization. Hard working taxpayers should not be forced to fund programs that violate provisions of the "[Kemp-Kasten](#)" amendment which bans U.S. aid to organizations involved in the management of coercive family planning programs.

Additionally, in 2008 the State Department issued a report that tracked UNFPA funds being funneled to Chinese agencies that enforce the coercive policy and forcibly abort and sterilize as a matter of standard operating procedure. If the United Nations wishes to fund such controversial programs that violate the core principles of many Americans, they should not expect funding from the United States taxpayers.

MEMBER ACTION ITEM: Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC) has introduced H.R. 2059, which would prohibit the Secretary of State from making contributions to the United Nations Population Fund. All Members are encouraged to cosponsor H.R. 2059 by contacting Allison Cooke at Allison.Cooke@mail.house.gov.

Outside Support: H.R. 2059 is currently supported by Concerned Women for America, the Susan B. Anthony List, Americans United For Life, National Right to Life, and Family Research Council.

If you would like to participate in eliminating wasteful programs with the RSC Sunset Caucus please e-mail Curtis.Rhyne@mail.house.gov.

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