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Eliminate Spending on Unnecessary Government Vehicles

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Program or Item Targeted: Unnecessary government vehicles.

Cost of Program or Item: This proposal could save up to \$500 million over ten years.

Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted: Federal agencies currently own or lease roughly 660,000 cars, vans, trucks, busses, and sport utility vehicles. These vehicles consume more than 1 million gallons of fuel per day. The federal government spends nearly \$4 billion each year to maintain its vehicles. Since 2006, the federal government has added more than 20,000 vehicles to its fleet. The Bowles-Simpson Fiscal Commission [final report](#) recommended reducing the spending on non-essential vehicles owned or leased by federal agencies (other than the Department of Defense or Postal Service) by 20 percent.

Why This Program or Item Is Wasteful: The buying and leasing of federal vehicles which the government does not absolutely need and cannot afford is a wasteful use of hard-earned taxpayer dollars. As the Bowles-Simpson report points out, “despite advances in technology, federal travel costs have ballooned in recent years, growing 56 percent between 2001 and 2006 alone.” Federal agencies should not require tens of thousands of SUVs, to say nothing of other expensive vehicles, in order to operate.

MEMBER ACTION ITEM: Rep. Hanna has introduced H.R. 6324, the Cutting Federal Unnecessary and Expensive Leasing (FUEL) Act. This legislation would reduce the total amount spent on nonessential vehicles by 20 percent as suggested by the Bowles-Simpson Fiscal Commission report, and constitutes a good first step toward reigning in wasteful vehicle spending. For more information, or if you are interested in cosponsoring, please contact Adam Hepburn at Adam.Hepburn@mail.house.gov.

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working to sunset programs that taxpayers shouldn’t be paying for.”*

