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CFA Urges Representatives to vote YES on McClintock Amendment to cut \$3.25 Billion from the Energy and Water Appropriations Act

The Center for Fiscal Accountability urges all Members of the United States House of Representatives to vote in favor of Rep. Tom McClintock's amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, which will eliminate unnecessary federal spending.

The bill currently sets spending for Energy and Water programs at \$30.6 billion, a reduction from last year's levels of nearly \$6 billion. However, the legislation still contains far too much wasteful spending. Rep. McClintock's amendment would cut over \$3 billion in duplicative and unnecessary spending programs currently funded under the Energy and Water bill.

The McClintock Amendment would cut \$1.3 billion for energy subsidies which distort the energy market and raise the price of energy for consumers. The government's practice of picking winners and losers in the energy marketplace has gone on for too long, and eliminating wasteful and superfluous energy subsidies is a good first step in letting the free market, not the government, dictate energy demand. The amendment would also eliminate regional commissions, such as the Denali Commission, which serve as taxpayer-funded parochial monopolies on energy resources. This will save \$90 million.

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