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**Taxpayers for Common Sense
supports NDAA amendments
reflecting fiscally conservative values**

The Honorable Jim McGovern
Chair, House Committee on Rules
H-312, The Capitol
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member, House Committee on Rules
H-152, The Capitol
Washington DC 20515

Dear Rules Committee Member:

Taxpayers for Common Sense, a non-partisan budget watchdog group, supports potential amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that reflect fiscally conservative values or increase oversight of government spending.

We ask that you make the following amendments in order under the rule governing debate of H.R. 7900. Public debate on these amendments will allow the American people to hear arguments for greater stewardship of their tax dollars. No matter where you stand on the political spectrum, no one wants to see their tax dollars wasted.

#33, offered by Rep. Escobar (D-TX) establishing a publicly available website of Department of

Defense equipment purchased by state and local authorities under the Section 1122 program.

#166, offered by Reps. Lee (D-CA), *et al*, reducing the authorized topline by \$100 billion.

#169, offered by Reps. Lee (D-CA), *et al*, to reverse the House Armed Services Committee action to increase the authorized topline by \$36.9 billion.

#261, a bipartisan amendment offered by Rep. Spanberger (D-VA) and Rep. Meijer (R-MI) to require a report on the infrastructure currently in place to oversee U.S. assistance to Ukraine.

#277, offered by Rep. Schweikert (R-AZ) to reverse the House Armed Services Committee action to add an inflation increase to the authorized topline, with the exception of those accounts related to quality of life.

#400, offered by Rep. Jayapal (D-WA), *et al*, to strike the statutory requirement for so-called Unfunded Priorities Lists.

#467, offered by Rep. Foxx (R-NC) to establish an Inspector General for the Office of Management and Budget.

#499, offered by Rep. Walorski (R-IN) to make the National Security Council subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

#542, offered by Rep. Garamendi (D-CA), *et al*, to end development of the new Ground Based Strategic Defense (GBSD) and extend the existing Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) program.

#569, offered by Rep. Smith (D-WA), et al, to allow the United States Navy to retire nine Littoral Combat Ships (LCS).

#608, a bipartisan amendment offered by Rep. Williams (D-GA), et al, to amend the 2017 “Cost of War” legislation.

#618, offered by Rep. Escobar (D-TX), to extend the authority of military service Inspectors General to cover their National Guard components.

#645, offered by Rep. Tlaib (D-MI) to strike the prohibition on reducing the total number of legacy Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.

#660, offered by Rep. Omar (D-MN) to strike the new “Seize the Initiative” budget line.

#701, offered by Rep. Biggs (R-AZ) to reduce the Pentagon budget by .5% until it successfully passes a financial audit.

#820, offered by Rep. Schakowsky (D-IL) to lower the threshold for production of cost and pricing data in government contracts from \$2 million to \$750,000.

#1213, offered by Rep. Schrader (D-OR) to strike the provisions prohibiting the U.S. Air Force from retiring certain legacy aircraft and the U.S. Navy from retiring certain Littoral Combat Ships.

For further information, contact Wendy Jordan at wendy@taxpayer.net. Thank you for your consideration of these amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'S', 'T', 'E', 'L', 'L', 'I', 'S' in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Ellis
President