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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515



Dear Representative,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and our millions of members from across the country, we urge the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to hold a markup as soon as possible on H.R. 1339, the Freedom from Government Competition Act of 2017.



Introduced by Rep. John Duncan, Jr. (R-Tenn.), H.R. 1339 eliminates waste in the federal government by requiring a “Yellow Pages” test for government services. The “Yellow Pages” test directs agencies to identify certain functions that could be opened up to competitive bidding. H.R. 1339 does not mandate privatization; rather, it envisions a system in which private sector companies could compete alongside the federal government for the opportunity to perform these functions more efficiently and at a lower cost to taxpayers.



In a January 28, 2015 Office of Management and Budget report, 1.1 million full-time-equivalent employees were identified in jobs that were not inherently governmental.



Rep. Duncan’s staff estimates that simply subjecting federal commercial operations to a “Yellow Pages” test could save taxpayers more than \$27 billion annually, while also boosting the economy and creating jobs.



We thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

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