

This week, I continued working to end government waste by supporting House passage of [H.R. 3463](#), which would end the program that offers taxpayer funding for Presidential campaigns. This Presidential Election Campaign Fund may be familiar to you through the check box at the bottom of your tax form that gives you the option to donate \$3 to Presidential campaigns. Although this program was popular at its creation, it has attracted support from only 7% of taxpayers in recent years, and President Obama declined it during the 2008 campaign after raising \$750 million—nearly ten times the amount provided to a major party's nominee by the fund. Ending the fund will save American taxpayers \$447 million in administrative costs over the next five years.

The legislation would also eliminate the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). This commission was created in 2002 to help states upgrade their voting systems between 2002 and 2005. The EAC has continued to receive taxpayer funding even though its main purpose has long been fulfilled. The National Association of Secretaries of State, speaking for the state officials that the commission benefited, has indicated that they no longer need the EAC. Eliminating this commission will save taxpayers \$33 million over the next five years.

I urge the Senate to take up and pass this commonsense legislation. While far more needs to be done to restore fiscal responsibility in Washington, I strongly believe Congress should eliminate every dollar of wasteful spending as we find it. Eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse throughout the federal government is critical to tackling our nation's debt crisis and putting the American people back on the path to prosperity.