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Key Vote NO on H.R. 1868, a Bill to Exempt the American Rescue Plan Act from Fiscal Restraint

On behalf of FreedomWorks' activist community, I urge you to contact your representative and ask him or her to vote **NO** on H.R. 1868, which would, among other things, exempt the \$1.9 trillion *American Rescue Plan Act* from statutory PAYGO rules and other fiscal restraints.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the massive \$1.9 trillion legislation would increase the deficit by nearly \$1.86 trillion over 10 years. This deficit requires the Office of Management and Budget to enforce PAYGO rules and make cuts on federal programs, including Medicare.

Democrats will argue that this bill is needed to prevent cuts to Medicare; however, they will not tell you that the only reason we are in this position is because the Democrats did not consider the budgetary implications of passing their \$1.9 trillion socialist giveaway. Instead, Nancy Pelosi preferred to engage in a hyper-partisan process that prioritized bailing out oppressive, blue states that have only kept businesses closed and children out of classrooms for more than a year.

To make matters worse, only 9% of the \$1.9 trillion was actually targeted for combating COVID-19. Our nearly-\$30 trillion national debt is a threat to our national security, and passage of H.R. 1868 will only take us deeper into the unsustainable path to fiscal calamity.

Members of Congress must reject any vote that perpetuates and validates the acts of our fiscally irresponsible congressional leadership. This bill is nothing more than a rubber stamp for the Democrats' fiscally irresponsible ways. That's why we are recommending Members of Congress to vote **NO** on H.R. 1868.

FreedomWorks will count the vote for H.R. 1868 on our 2021 Congressional Scorecard and reserves the right to score any related votes. Our Congressional Scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Brandon
President, FreedomWorks