



Twenty Conservative Organizations to Congress: “Don’t Force U.S. Taxpayers to Bail Out Europe!”

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Dear Senators and Representatives,

On behalf of the millions of members of our respective organizations, we urge you to include language in the final so-called megabus appropriations package expressly prohibiting the use of any United States taxpayer dollars for a bailout of Europe.

Hardworking American taxpayers should not be forced to cover the costs of reckless government spending policies in countries like Greece and Italy. It is unconscionable to force middle-class Americans to pay for European bureaucrats to retire in their fifties with full pensions and benefits. The problems in Europe are for Europe to address without forcing American taxpayers to pick up the tab.

Numerous media reports suggest the Obama administration, led by treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, is promising U.S. participation in an IMF-led bailout of European countries that have spent themselves into fiscal crisis. If Congress fails to act, the administration appears set to move forward without congressional approval.

We therefore urge you to include the language limiting funds for an IMF bailout facility approved by the House State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Subcommittee in the final appropriations package.

This language, also contained in standalone legislation H.R. 2313, would rescind the line of credit created in 2009 that gives the administration access to up to \$108 billion in U.S. taxpayer funds for a bailout of Europe.

The American people resoundingly rejected bailouts in the 2010 election. Congress should fulfill its mandate and stop any risk of U.S. taxpayers being forced to bail out Europe.

Sincerely,

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