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ATR Will Rate Van Hollen Amendment on Competitive Sourcing

Currently, the U.S. House of Representatives is considering HR 3058, the Transportation-Treasury-HUD appropriations bill. One amendment, offered by Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) would be a poison pill both for the bill and for taxpayers.

The Van Hollen amendment harms taxpayers by preventing agencies from conducting public-private competitions. It would instead force taxpayers to spend money on expensive government employees when an outside bidder could do a better job. It does this by blocking the use of OMB's competitive sourcing circular known as "A-76."

ATR urges you strongly to vote AGAINST the Van Hollen amendment. ATR WILL RATE THE AMENDMENT.

Since the Bush Administration began forcing government agencies to competitively source commercial jobs like landscapers and cafeteria workers, taxpayers have saved over \$4 billion. Regardless of who wins these public-private competitions, taxpayers are now seeing savings of \$22,000 per full-time employee. This is despite the fact that the in-house team wins 9 out of 10 times—a testament to the benefits of competition.

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