



April 24, 2023

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), and our more than 150,000 federal workers in 34 government agencies and departments, I strongly urge you to oppose the *Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023*. This misguided legislation would temporarily increase the debt limit in exchange for capping FY 2024 funding at last year's level, severely limiting future funding increases, and rescinding billions in critical funding for the IRS. If enacted, this legislation would have a devastating impact on the ability of NTEU-represented agencies to provide the critical services the American people rely on, and we strongly **urge you to VOTE NO** when the bill comes before the House.

While NTEU believes Congress should act to suspend or raise the debt limit to prevent a default, we oppose doing so by rescinding billions in dedicated funding for the IRS and capping discretionary funding at insufficient levels in FY 2024 and future years.

Repeal of IRA Funding

For years, continued reductions to IRS's budget diminished its' capacity to provide service to taxpayers, promptly process returns, maximize taxpayer compliance, and address core technology challenges. Recognizing the adverse impact of these reductions, Congress approved the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) which included roughly \$79 billion in critical long-term funding for the IRS to improve taxpayer services, modernize its outdated technological infrastructure and restore IRS' capacity to ensure tax compliance among high-income individuals and large corporations. American taxpayers are already seeing the benefits of this historic investment during the current filing season in the form of higher levels of phone service, more in-person assistance and faster processing of tax returns than last year.

Rescinding the critical funding provided by the IRA as proposed by this bill would jeopardize the recent progress the IRS has made in restoring taxpayer services, undermine its' ability to ensure all taxpayers comply with their tax responsibilities, and, according to the Congressional Budget Office, would actually *increase* the federal deficit by \$114 billion.

Capping Discretionary Funding

NTEU also strongly opposes capping FY 2024 discretionary funding at last year's level and limiting future increases to just 1 percent per year over the next decade. In recent years, Congress worked to restore critical funding to federal agencies after years of

staffing shortages and budget cuts. However, the cuts proposed in this bill would have a devastating impact on the ability of the government to provide many of the essential services the American public relies on, including food inspections, protecting the water we drink and the air we breathe, protecting consumers and conducting important scientific research. Congress must reject these spending cut proposals and ensure that agencies have the staff and resources necessary to keep America running.

NTEU urges Congress to suspend or raise the debt limit to prevent a default, but we strongly oppose the repeal of billions in critical funding for the IRS and the devastating funding cuts proposed in the *Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023* and urge you to **VOTE NO** when the bill comes before the House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony M. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and "R".

Anthony M. Reardon
National President