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President

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To: All Members, U.S. Congress
Re: Opposition to non-emergency, non-defense appropriations in
H.R.2642, the Emergency War Supplemental

Dear Member of Congress,

As the debate on H.R.2642, the Emergency War Supplemental, comes to a head, I urge you once again to reject all spending items in this bill that are not related to funding military operations.

Both versions of the bill currently in conference committee for reconciliation, seek to add billions of dollars in domestic non-emergency, non-defense spending, which unfortunately has become an all too common practice in recent years.

Once a limited effort to address unexpected reconstruction costs in the wake of the attacks of September 11th and the War in Afghanistan, supplemental spending outside the normal budget process has ballooned. Having clearly outgrown their initial purpose, these expenditures impose an ever increasing burden on American taxpayers.

The price tag relating to troop-related appropriations is already staggering - but unrelated domestic spending should have no place in an emergency war funding bill.

Leaving aside the question of merit of the domestic programs included in the bill, taxpayers who are ultimately stuck with the tab deserve that these expenditures be subject to proper scrutiny and full debate in the regular appropriations process.

As American taxpayers struggle to make ends meet, they are relying on you to protect their pocket books and to strip non-emergency, non-defense spending from the Emergency Supplemental.

Onward,

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