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TAXPAYERS AGAINST FRAUD

Thursday, March 16, 2023

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

Taxpayers Against Fraud writes in strong support of the amendments to the Administrative False Claims Act. This much-needed legislation updates the law governing smaller-dollar fraud claims. These Amendments strengthen the government's fraud-fighting capabilities by raising the maximum amount of a fraud claim that may be handled administratively. The current limit of \$150,000 is simply too small to reach the bulk of the fraud claims that impact government programs. By increasing the limit to \$1 million, the government will be able to more effectively reach modern-day fraud schemes.

The Amendments also allow the Attorney General and the Assistant Attorney General to delegate administrative process responsibilities to key Justice Department employees. This sensible update is responsive to the realities of law enforcement—namely, long lag times happen when too many administrative responsibilities are assigned to one person at the top of the organizational chart. By allowing delegation of responsibilities, DOJ will be able to efficiently utilize its limited resources.

Lastly, this legislation allows the government to recoup its costs for investigating and prosecuting fraud. The government expends tremendous resources to recover our nation's stolen dollars. This legislation allows the government to replenish its fraud-fighting resources.

These legislative fixes empower our nation to reach and unmask modern fraud schemes. We are confident that the legislation will allow the government to better reach smaller-dollar fraud claims that currently siphon government dollars with impunity.

Sincerely,

Jeb White, Esq.