



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

December 8, 2011



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,

Jim Martin  
Chairman  
60 Plus Association

Phil Kerpen  
Vice President for Policy  
Americans for Prosperity

Jeffrey Gayner  
Chairman  
Americans for Sovereignty

Grover Norquist  
President  
Americans for Tax Reform

Cliff Kincaid  
President  
America's Survival, Inc.

Jim Backlin  
Legislative Director  
Christian Coalition of America

Chris Chocola  
President  
The Club for Growth

Penny Nance  
CEO and President  
Concerned Women for America

Mattie Duppler Corrao  
Executive Director  
Cost of Government Center

Ron Pearson  
President  
Council for America

Thomas A. Schatz  
President  
Council for Citizens Against Government Waste

Phyllis Schlafly  
Founder and President  
Eagle Forum

Tom McClusky  
Senior Vice President  
Family Research Council Action

Myron Ebell  
Director  
Freedom Action

Seton Motley  
President  
Less Government

Colin A. Hanna  
President  
Let Freedom Ring

Amy Ridenour  
President  
National Center for Public Policy Research

Duane Parde  
President  
National Taxpayers Union

David Williams  
President  
Taxpayers Protection Alliance

Lisa Miller  
Tea Party WDC