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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2011

Mr. CHABOT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Wasting Amer-
5 ican Tax Dollars Act” or the “SWAT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF FUNDS RETURNED BY A STATE OR**
2 **LOCALITY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**
3 **AND USE FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION.**

4 (a) RESCISSION OF RETURNED FEDERAL FUNDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
6 graph (2), there are rescinded any unobligated dis-
7 cretionary appropriations awarded to a State or lo-
8 cality by the Federal Government that are volun-
9 tarily returned by the State or locality to the Fed-
10 eral Government.

11 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not
12 apply to funds made available for an account, pro-
13 gram, project, or activity of—

14 (A) the Department of Defense; or

15 (B) the Department of Homeland Security.

16 (b) RETENTION OF FUNDS FOR DEFICIT REDUC-
17 TION.—Funds rescinded under subsection (a) shall be re-
18 tained in the general fund of the Treasury for Federal
19 budget deficit reduction.

20 (c) NO REDISTRIBUTION OF RETURNED FUNDS.—

21 This section shall apply in lieu of any provision of law
22 that provides for the redistribution of funds awarded to
23 a State or locality that remain unobligated by such State
24 or locality.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “State or locality” means a State,
2 unit of local government, or Indian tribe.

3 (2) The term “State” means each of the several
4 States, the District of Columbia, and any common-
5 wealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

6 (e) APPLICATION.—This section shall apply to funds
7 returned on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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