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Re: Support for S. 1751, "Protect Taxpayers from ACORN Act"

Dear Senator Johanns,

We are writing in support of S. 1751, your "Protect Taxpayers From ACORN Act," which pursues the commendable goal of keeping taxpayers' money out of the corrupt pockets of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN).

ACORN, which has a documented history of engaging in voter fraud, embezzlement, tax evasion, misuse of federal funds and other illegal activities, has been the beneficiary of the American taxpayer for far too long. According to a report by the Republican Staff on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the corrupt organizations that make up ACORN has received as much as \$53 million from the federal government since 1994.

By prohibiting the federal government from awarding contracts, grants or other agreements to, and from providing other federal funds to ACORN and any other entity which has been indicted for or convicted violations of laws governing election administration or campaign financing, your bill would ensure that their fraudulent activities can no longer occur on the taxpayers' dime.

We congratulate you on your success in passing amendments to the appropriations bills in the Senate that prohibit any monies allocated in those bills to be directed towards ACORN, but certainly, this is just the beginning in the effort to root out this abuse of federal tax dollars. In order to prevent ACORN and like entities from continuing to feed at the federal trough, we urge all Members of the U.S. Senate to co-sponsor and otherwise support S. 1751 and look forward to working with you to protect American taxpayers from abusive federal spending.

Sincerely,

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Cc: All Members of the U.S. Senate