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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Office of the Speaker  
H-232, US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

**In light of your promises regarding transparency and accountability as it relates to the legislative process, we write to urge you to refrain from scheduling a vote on the so called “minibus,” until after the final version of the package has been made available to taxpayer scrutiny for a substantial period of time - ideally more than five days, but no less than 72 hours.**

The “minibus,” which is expected to contain the remaining appropriations bills for 2010 (with the exception of the Department of Defense appropriations bill) as well as a temporary surface transportation funding reauthorization and possibly other things, will no doubt carry a hefty price tag.

Taxpayers, who are already forced to bear the cost of a massive government spending burden, deserve to be able to scrutinize the full extent of the final package, especially if it contains more than the remaining individual appropriations bills.

If the Leadership of this Congress is truly committed to the principles of transparency and accountability, there should be no arbitrary decisions as to which bills would be subjected to a waiting period coupled with an online posting requirement and which ones would not. Certainly a package which appropriates and commits hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars should not be rushed. Regardless of whether parts of this package were previously available online – the package in its entirety was not.

**Consequently, we urge you to allow taxpayers an opportunity to review this package for at least 72 hours before you schedule a vote.**

Sincerely,

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