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**Put an End to Wasteful Spending:**  
**Repeal the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, The Failed “Stimulus”**  
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**Background:** In February, Congressman Rob Woodall (R-GA) introduced H.R. 599, the Stimulus Repeal Act, a bill to repeal the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), otherwise known as the “stimulus.” While much of the allocations from ARRA have already been disbursed, H.R. 599 would “rescind all unobligated balances of the budgetary authority” allocated in ARRA.

**What We Know:**

- **What the Bill Will Do:** According to the CBO, ARRA appropriations were estimated to include \$311.2 billion in budget authority. Of that total, \$288.7 billion was to be allocated in FY09 and \$7.1 billion in FY10. H.R. 599 is designed to repeal budget authority.
- **Looking Ahead:** Assuming H.R. 599 is implemented at the start of FY12, October 1, 2011, it would recapture approximately \$150 billion in estimated disbursements of an originally projected total of \$575.3 billion.
- **The Stimulus Programs Failed:** ARRA was offered as a silver bullet solution to a nation suffering from a number of setbacks, including a housing crisis and soaring unemployment. Instead of solving these problems, ARRA has been ineffective and only added to our financial burdens. America’s prosperity has been a result of prudent fiscal planning and hard work, not billion dollar “stimulus” packages.

**The Case for Repeal:**

- President Obama promised Americans that government spending in his so-called “stimulus” package would put Americans back to work and get the economy going again. Yet unemployment has topped 10%, and implementation of the ARRA has been characterized by delays, fraud, and poor management, plus hundreds of billions of dollars in new debt and interest.
- In January 2009, the Administration’s economists predicted the ARRA would create 3.3 million jobs by 2010. Since then, 2.1 million jobs have been lost—that’s *5.4 million* reasons the President’s strategy has failed.

**Conclusion:** The Stimulus Repeal Act is necessary to end the remaining ARRA disbursements and demonstrate to the Obama Administration that government funds will not continue to be used on omnibus-style spending bills. In this time of austerity, H.R. 599 is needed to end this irresponsible spending.

**MEMBER ACTION ITEM:** All RSC Members are encouraged to cosponsor H.R. 599, the Stimulus Repeal Act. Please contact [Valentina Valenta](mailto:Valentina.Valenta@house.gov) (5-4272) to support this legislation.

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