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To Director Swagel:

We write you to request an analysis of the revenue and deficit impact of Sec. 306 of the "Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024" posted on the Committee on Rules website on October 30, 2023.

In your May 30, 2023, letter to Speaker McCarthy (Re: CBO's Estimate of the Budgetary Effects of H.R. 3746, the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023), you noted of Title II of Division B of that act that rescinding approximately \$1.4 billion in unobligated funds available to the Internal Revenue Service for enforcement enacted in the Inflation Reduction Act (PL 117-169) would result in \$2.3 billion in lost revenue for a net increase to the deficit of \$900 million over the 2023-33 period. That result is a ratio of approximately \$1.64 in reduced federal revenue for every dollar rescinded, resulting in larger deficits rather than smaller.

Section 306 of the Israel Supplemental proposes to rescind from identical accounts a sum, \$14.3 billion, approximately 10 times larger than that in H.R. 3746. In line with your earlier analysis for H.R. 3746, a \$14.3 billion rescission would imply a reduction in federal revenue of more than \$23 billion and deficits larger by nearly \$10 billion over the budget window.

Support for Israel should not be conditioned on worsening our fiscal outlook by allowing the wealthiest to cheat their fellow Americans by avoiding the law. Your timely attention to a similar revenue and deficit analysis for Sec. 306 of the Israel Supplemental to that in your May 30 McCarthy letter would help Members weigh the full fiscal and moral implications of the tradeoff before us this week.

Sincerely,

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