

Congressman Peters' Plan to Remove Inefficiency and Government Waste

Enact a Biennial (two-year) Budgeting Process

- The current budget process is broken and, because Congress is rarely on time, has forced government agencies and private contractors to deal with shutdowns, delays, and endless stops and starts.
- A two-year budget would allow Congress to more effectively provide oversight over the bloated federal bureaucracy and spend time actually identifying areas that need streamlining or elimination.
- It would give predictability to states, our military leaders, and private companies who contract with the federal government, instead of forcing them to wait anxiously through the crisis-to-crisis process that Congress has had in recent years.

Don't Duplicate, but Consolidate or Eliminate Federal Programs

- Across the federal government there are too many programs that replicate the functions of another existing entity – that is inefficient and a waste of taxpayer money.
- A 2013 audit by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has already identified duplicate agencies and programs that could be consolidated. We should implement this report's recommendations.

Improve Federal Purchasing by Buying Smarter

- Federal agencies employ hundreds of thousands of employees and use significant amounts of office resources and services. But currently, each division within an agency does its own contracting and purchasing, instead of doing it in bulk on an agency-wide level.
- We should enforce strategic sourcing so that entire agencies, not individual divisions with each one, are using their enormous purchasing power to contract for supplies and services.