



U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

March 3, 2021

The Honorable Phillip Swagel
Director, Congressional Budget Office
Ford House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Director Swagel:

This week, the U.S. House of Representatives will consider *H.R. 1280, George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021*. As it does for the majority of legislation considered by Congress, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released an estimate to inform policymakers of the legislation's budgetary effects. However, the CBO analysis was not comprehensive as it did not include the cost of the legislation's impacts on intergovernmental entities. It is our understanding that H.R. 1280 contains provisions that significantly violate the current Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) threshold of \$85 million. It is further our understanding that these provisions may in fact result in additional costs to state, local, and tribal governments totaling in the hundreds of millions of dollars, which would deprive these localities of the resources needed to provide adequate policing and public safety services in their communities.

We respectfully ask that CBO provide a detailed estimate of the total cost that the mandates included in H.R. 1280 would impose on state, local, and tribal governments if it were enacted into law. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason Smith
Ranking Member
House Committee on the Budget

Jim Jordan
Ranking Member
House Committee on the Judiciary