

## Michaud Helps Pass Measure to Reduce Government Waste, Increase Accountability for Spending of Taxpayers'™ Money

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Under the resolution, additional hearings are required if Government Accountability Office (GAO) audits find that an agency's books are not in order or if an agency is listed as &ldquo;high risk&rdquo; for waste, fraud, abuse or mismanagement. For more information on the Blue Dog Coalition, visit their website at <http://www.house.gov/ross/BlueDogs/>.

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