

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Doggett, Van Hollen, Pascrell, Ryan (OH), Moore, Bass, and Bonamici

Preserve Head Start Services for Children and Families

This deficit-neutral amendment will ensure that that Head Start can continue providing vital comprehensive early childhood educational services to almost 1 million children in families at or below the poverty level. The amendment is fully paid for by ending unnecessary tax breaks for special interests, subsidies for big oil companies, egregious tax breaks, or tax cuts for millionaires.

A **YES** vote allows Head Start to continue preparing children to enter school ready to learn.

A **NO** vote means choosing to protect tax breaks for special interests while leaving more than 3.7 million eligible needy pre-schoolers without access to Head Start's early educational, nutritional, and family support services.

1. Increase budget authority and outlays for Function 500 by the following amounts in billions of dollars to ensure that Head Start can continue providing vital comprehensive early childhood educational services to almost 1 million children in families at or below the poverty level.

	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
BA	0.216				
Outlays	0.117	0.063	0.021	0.007	0.005

2. Adjust the aggregate levels of revenue by amounts equal to the foregoing outlay changes in paragraph 1, reflecting the reduction or elimination of: 1) the Section 199 deduction for domestic production activities for the major integrated oil companies; 2) egregious tax breaks such as tax deductions for corporate jets; 3) loopholes in our international corporate tax system that encourage the outsourcing of manufacturing and result in fewer American jobs to support the middle class; or 4) additional tax cuts for those with adjusted gross incomes above \$1 million annually.
3. Make all necessary and conforming changes to the Chairman's mark.
4. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution assumes that Head Start is funded at the President's request for 2013 to continue providing comprehensive early learning services to 962,000 children from families surviving at or below the poverty level. Head Start currently reaches only 17 percent of eligible three- to five-year-olds, leaving 3.7 million eligible needy preschoolers without access to its early educational, nutritional, and family support services. Head start collaborates with other early childhood programs to prepare children to enter school ready to learn and to build on their Head Start achievements. Head Start also employs nearly 250,000 staff and more than 1.3 million volunteers providing vital services that in turn build the nation's future workforce and improve American competitiveness.

The resolution accommodates this necessary level of Head Start funding by reducing or eliminating the following: the Section 199 deduction for domestic production activities for the major integrated oil companies; egregious tax breaks such as tax deductions for corporate jets; loopholes in our international corporate tax system that encourage the outsourcing of manufacturing and result in fewer American jobs to support the middle class; and additional tax cuts for those with adjusted gross incomes above \$1 million annually.