

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM & SAVINGS ACT OF 2016

This bipartisan legislation will yield billions of dollars in long-term lease savings by providing the General Services Administration (GSA) with the tools to get the best deals possible for the taxpayers. The legislation also improves building security through increased accountability and oversight of the Federal Protective Service.

## Streamlined Leasing Program

With half of GSA's leased inventory expiring in the next five years, providing GSA with authorities to act expeditiously and take advantage of the current opportunity, while rental rates remain below their peaks in key markets, will result in significant savings to taxpayers. Specifically, the legislation:

• Establishes a Streamlined Leasing Pilot Program that would reduce the administrative red tape on most GSA leases and allow for and encourage space consolidations.

## Strengthening Accountability and Oversight of Public Buildings

Ensuring the acquisition and construction of new federal space is effectively overseen and managed is critical to ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent appropriately. Specifically, the legislation:

• Clarifies congressional oversight of property exchanges, ensures federal construction projects remain within or under budget, and sets clear timeframes on authorized projects.

## Improving Building Security

Public Buildings, unfortunately, have been proven targets of those wishing to do the Nation harm. Ensuring personnel responsible for protecting public buildings are appropriately trained, managed, and accountable is critical.

Specifically, the legislation:

• Clarifies protection authorities related to federal buildings and improves accountability and oversight of the use of such authorities.

