



Last night, the House passed H.R. 5170, the Federal Records Accountability Act of 2014, a bill that would improve Federal employee compliance with the Federal and Presidential recordkeeping requirements. Jenny Beth Martin, co-founder of Tea Party Patriots, a group that was targeted for additional scrutiny by the IRS, welcomed the vote and issued the following statement:

"When Americans speak, Washington tends to listen, which is exactly what we saw Tuesday with the House voice vote in support of Rep. Mark Meadows' bill to strengthen and improve enforcement of the government's email and document retention policies. We're one step closer to making sure that political appointees within government are held accountable for their actions and the contents of their correspondence. It also makes it harder for another email debacle like the one we're seeing with former IRS official Lois Lerner and other Obama appointees who claim to have 'lost' their emails.

The next test is whether Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid will allow a vote on this important measure or whether he'll abuse his power and block any further action. Even Rep. Elijah Cummings, the Ranking Democrat on the House Oversight Committee, thinks this is a good bill and it deserves a Senate vote. Sen. Reid can rest assured that if he does try to kill this bill, he and the rest of the Senate will hear from the American people who demand honesty and openness from their government."

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