

# Taxpayers Foot Bill For EPA Employee's \$15k Gym Membership

[Via the Daily Caller News Foundation:](#)

*“Las Vegas-based Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official used his government credit card to purchase a \$14,799 gym membership.*

*A conservative advocacy group [released documents](#) purporting to show EPA contracting officer Kevin Broadnax **bought a 37-year membership at Super Sport gym on April 11, 2017. Broadnax used his government charge card to pay for his nearly \$15,000 membership.***

*The sheer amount of paperwork related to the transaction suggests that multiple EPA officials were aware of the purchase.”*

I suspect that many people might shrug at this revelation. What is fifteen grand out of the trillions of dollars the U.S. spends annually (see below)?



I'd only say that that logic can be employed for pretty much every spending item in the federal budget—and it's that kind of thinking that has pushed the federal debt to nearly \$20 trillion.

It's also worth asking: Who puts a frivolous \$15,000 item on the company card? Somebody who knows or has reason to believe that nobody is watching or nobody cares.

[We've pointed out](#) at Intellectual Takeout that traditional

virtues are rarely taught to children in schools anymore. Some instruction in prudence and temperance might have done Mr. Broadnax some good. Alas, I suspect it was instruction he never received.

I wonder, too, if people who shrug off a \$15,000 charge to taxpayers could benefit from similar instruction.