

FISCAL YEAR 2020 APPROPRIATIONS

Package #2, H.R. 1865 - Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration; Energy and Water Development; Interior and Environment; Legislative Branch; Military Construction and Veterans Affairs; State and Foreign Operations; and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bills

Overview of Key Provisions

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

Sanctity of Life - Maintains ALL prior-year, pro-life funding restrictions, including:

- Prohibits federal funds from being used to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest or life endangerment of the mother;
- Prohibits the creation or destruction of embryos for research purposes; and
- Maintains rape reporting requirements in the Title X Family Planning Program.

National Institute of Health - Continues America's global leadership in basic science research and advances biomedical research by providing \$41.7 billion for the National Institute of Health. This critical funding includes:

- \$2.8 billion for Alzheimer's disease; and
- \$6.4 billion for cancer research, including \$50 million for the Trump Administration's childhood cancer initiative.

Opioids and Methamphetamines - Provides \$5.7 billion for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and research into alternative therapies for pain management.

Regulations Reduction - Eliminates dangerous and irresponsible Democrat riders, which would hinder the Administration's efforts to roll back regulations. Specifically, the bill:

- Removes a prohibition on the Department of Health and Human Services' efforts to ensure that the conscience rights of health care providers are protected with respect to participation in abortions;
- Removes a prohibition related to short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans - viable alternatives to unaffordable Obamacare; and
- Maintains the President's authority to transfer and reprogram funds.

Obama-era Regulations - Prevents dangerous efforts by Democrats to reinstitute Obama-era regulations that:

- Prohibited faith-based organizations from participating in programs while exercising their sincerely held religious beliefs;
- Required family planning centers to refer patients for abortion; and
- Required Planned Parenthood clinics to continue to receive grants under the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.

Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration

Rural Broadband - Increases funding up to \$642 million for rural broadband programs.

Genetic Modification of Human Embryos - Prohibits the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from approving research on the genetic modification of human embryos.

Opioid Abuse and Advancing Drug Manufacturing - Increases funding by \$91 million for the FDA to fight opioid abuse, advance drug and biological product manufacturing, approve rare disease medications, ensure food safety, and modernize generic drug development.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - Saves taxpayer money by reducing SNAP mandatory funding by \$5.6 billion, a reduction of \$10.6 billion since the beginning of the Trump Administration.

Disaster Relief for Farmers and Ranchers - Includes an estimated \$1.2 billion to support farmers and ranchers around the country severely affected by hurricanes, floods, drought, and other natural disasters in 2018 and 2019.

Relocation of Department of Agriculture Research Agencies - Allows the Trump Administration to proceed with the relocation of Department of Agriculture research agencies to be closer to agricultural and rural customers, as well as to make more efficient use of limited federal dollars.

Agriculture Research - Invests more than \$3.4 billion in critical agriculture research, ensuring food and fiber production for a growing population.

Rural Communities - Provides \$3.8 billion for rural development programs, as well as more than \$38 billion in loans for rural housing, rural utilities, and rural businesses, which assists in building sustainable rural infrastructure for the modern economy and helps create an environment for economic growth and opportunity.

Energy and Water

Army Corps of Engineers - Funds the Army Corps of Engineers at \$7.65 billion, an increase of \$651 million above the enacted FY19 level, with funding directed predominantly to navigation and flood control improvements.

Nuclear National Security - Provides \$16.7 billion for the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons security programs, ensuring the maintenance and modernization of our nuclear stockpile and Naval nuclear reactors.

Key Nuclear Weapons - Fully funds the Trump Administration's request for National Nuclear Security Administration programs necessary to extend the life of key nuclear weapons systems and to recapitalize deteriorating infrastructure for production of strategic materials, such as plutonium pits.

"All-Of-The-Above" Energy - Continues to advance the nation's "all-of-the-above" solution to energy independence through targeted investments in research and development in all energy sources, including nuclear, fossil, geothermal, and hydropower, as well as solar and wind.

Light Bulbs - Eliminates a Democratic rider that would have kept in place the Obama Administration light bulb rule limiting consumer choice.

Infrastructure - Provides \$346 million, an increase of 25 percent, to protect our nation's energy infrastructure against cyber and other attacks and to increase the efficiency and technological advancement of the nation's electricity delivery system.

Interior and Environment

Democrat Riders - Eliminates Democrat riders that would have:

- Prohibited any new offshore conventional energy production;
- Prevented the Administration from replacing the Obama-era Clean Power Plan and Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) rules;
- Weakened America's domestic supply of uranium, a critical mineral;
- Blocked domestic energy production in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR); and
- Reinstated the Obama-era "Valuation Rule" for conventional energy production on federal and Indian lands.

Wildfires - Provides \$5.6 billion for the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to fight devastating wildfires that threaten our communities, an increase of \$1.6 billion above enacted FY19 levels.

Sage-Grouse - Prohibits the listing of sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act, which could limit energy and mineral development in 11 western states.

Green New Deal - Stops harmful environmental policies in the Green New Deal from going into effect, including the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from livestock production.

EPA and BLM - Blocks an attempt by Democrats to limit the Trump Administration's ability to increase efficiencies at the Department of the Interior and the EPA through reorganizations and office relocations.

Legislative Branch

Members' Representational Allowance and Debt Reduction - Provides for unspent dollars in the Members' Representational Allowance accounts to be put toward federal debt reduction, saving taxpayers money.

Member Pay Freeze - Continues the pay freeze for Members of Congress.

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs

Military Construction and Family Housing - Provides a total of \$11.32 billion for military construction and family housing projects, an increase of \$1 billion above enacted FY19 levels.

Disaster Assistance - Includes \$6.22 billion to rebuild military installations severely damaged by hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and tornadoes in 2018 and 2019.

Key Veterans Programs - Ensures that our veterans are cared for by providing full funding for the VA MISSION and Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Acts.

Electronic Health Records - Supports implementation of an electronic health records system that is fully interoperable with Department of Defense records by providing \$1.5 billion to the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Medical and Prosthetic** - Provides \$800 million for Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Prosthetic Research, an increase of \$21 million above the enacted FY19 level.

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention - Increases resources for veterans by providing additional funding for programs aimed at mental health and suicide prevention, ending homelessness, assisting rural veterans, and expanding female veteran health programs.

State and Foreign Operations

Sanctity of Life -

- Maintains last year's level for family planning;
- Maintains ALL prior-year, pro-life funding restrictions, including:
 - The Kemp-Kasten amendment, which prohibits any foreign aid to any organization that the Administration determines is involved in coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization. Specifically, the bill blocks an attempt to roll back President Trump's determination to prohibit funds from going to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA);
 - The Helms Amendment, which states foreign assistance funds may not be used for abortion as a means of family planning; and
 - The Tiahrt Amendment, which puts restrictions on how USAID funds can be used for family planning projects.
- Blocks an attempt by Democrats to unfairly target faith-based organizations, also known as the Shaheen Amendment.

Global Health - Blocks an attempt by Democrats to roll back the President's Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy, also known as the expanded Mexico City Policy, that requires foreign non-governmental organizations to certify they will not use funds from any source to perform abortions as a condition of receiving U.S. global health assistance.

Paris Climate Agreement - Removes harmful Democrat restrictions on the President's ability to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement.

Strong Support of Israel - Strongly supports our ally Israel and fulfills the U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding by providing \$3.3 billion for military assistance.

Russian Influence - Provides \$290 million for the Countering Russian Influence Fund, which provides critical resources to contest Russian influence campaigns and hybrid warfare in Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia.

Growing Threats from China -

- Fully funds the Trump Administration's request for the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, including \$150 million for a new equity financing tool to help counter harmful Chinese debt-trap diplomacy;
- Provides a total of \$2.5 billion to support implementation of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Strategy and an additional \$300 million for a new, global Countering China Influence Fund (CCIF); and
- Includes \$1.5 million for democracy programs in Hong Kong.

United Nations Peacekeeping - Removes Democrats' controversial authority and funding for United Nations peacekeeping operations above the statutory cap of 25 percent.

Transportation and Housing and Urban Development

Trucking - Eliminates Democrat trucking riders that would have been harmful to the economy. The ELIMINATED riders would have:

- Prevented the Department of Transportation (DOT) from overriding local hours of service requirements that conflict with federal standards;
- Prevented DOT from making common-sense hours of service changes to improve safety and efficiency; and
- Required DOT to publish flawed safety data on trucking companies.

Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Requirements - Exempts agricultural haulers from burdensome ELD requirements, providing much-needed regulatory relief.

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) by Rail - Eliminates a Democrat rider that would have prevented the Trump Administration from permitting the transport of LNG by rail.

CAFE - Allows the Administration to implement common-sense fuel efficiency (CAFE) standards, replacing burdensome Obama-era standards that would make cars less safe and more expensive.

California High Speed Rail - Allows the Administration to recover millions from the failed California High Speed Rail project.

Wasteful HUD Spending - Cuts \$1 billion in unnecessary HUD spending below the Democrats' House-passed bill.

Infrastructure - Provides more than \$7 billion for Republican infrastructure priorities:

- \$2.2 billion for highway infrastructure grants, \$394 million above the Democrats' House-passed bill;
- \$1 billion for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grants, including a requirement that half of the grants go to rural communities;
- \$400 million for discretionary airport grants, including a requirement that half of the grants go to small and rural airports; and
- \$3.4 billion for Community Development Block Grants, \$100 million above FY19.

Democrat HUD Riders - Eliminates Democrat riders that would have prevented the Administration from:

- Reviewing the immigration status of families receiving HUD assistance; and
- Providing flexibility to local homeless service providers regarding transgender policies.