



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0906

February 21, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

The House Republican Conference's significant work on appropriations for fiscal year (FY) 2024 resulted in 10 of 12 bills passed out of committee – and 7 bills sent to the Senate – with hundreds of amendments considered and adopted. This has not happened in many years.

While far from perfect, the bills spent at or below the actual text of the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA), offered a meaningful step towards restoring regular order, and presented an opportunity to reduce spending and reverse many of President Biden's harmful policies.

With the expiration of government funding rapidly approaching, negotiations continue behind closed doors and as a result, we anticipate text for likely omnibus legislation that we fear will be released at the latest moment before being rushed to the floor for a vote. House Republicans should not be left in the dark on the status of the spending levels and hard-fought policy provisions. We request an update on the appropriations negotiations including, but not limited to, the provisions supported by overwhelming majorities of Republicans and our constituents, such as language to:

- Prohibit funding for the use of CBPOne or similar applications that facilitate the parole of millions of illegal aliens into the United States;
- Reducing Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas' salary to \$0;
- Defund the Pentagon's illegal abortion travel fund;
- Prohibit funding for the implementation of gun registries and red flag laws;
- Defund ATF rules such as the "pistol brace" ban and unconstitutional expansion of background checks;
- Defund gender transition surgeries or "gender affirming care" paid by taxpayer dollars;
- Block Biden's attempts to dismantle, demolish, remove, or damage existing border wall;
- Defund Biden's radical "Green New Deal" climate change actions such as the EPA Electric Vehicle mandate, DOT's CAFE standards, EPA's anti-power plant rules, and each of the President's radical "climate" executive orders;

- Prohibit funding for radical “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion” (DEI) Executive Orders and the bureaucratic offices responsible for promoting DEI and “Critical Race Theory” training and policies;
- Defund Dr. Anthony Fauci’s “gain of function” research;
- Prohibit rules requiring biological boys to be allowed to compete against girls in women’s sports and prohibit federal funding for schools that allow biological men to participate in women-only sports;
- Defund anti-American international organizations such as the World Health Organization, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Human Rights Council, and World Economic Forum;
- Eliminate funding to the anti-Israel United Nations Relief and Works Agency that funds Hamas and the enemies of Israel;
- Prohibit purchases of American farmland by our adversaries like China;
- Prohibit funding for Biden’s student loan bailout schemes;
- Prohibit the Justice Department from censoring lawful speech or conducting politically-sensitive investigations, until the agency establishes policies requiring non-partisan staff to oversee such investigations;
- Defund policies and memorandums limiting ICE and CBP enforcement while expanding illegal immigration;
- Prevent billions of dollars from being used to construct a new, massive Pentagon-sized headquarters for the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- Halt Biden’s absurd and destructive bans on gas stoves and other appliances;
- Defund Planned Parenthood to prevent the use of taxpayer dollars on abortions; and
- Prohibit funding for COVID-19 vaccine and mask mandates across the government, among other things.

Many of these important policies (and more) were critical in securing the passage of bills in both the Appropriations Committee and in the House last year. There are MANY other policies and personnel that Congress should not be funding, and a failure to eliminate them will reduce the probability that the appropriations bills will be supported by even a majority of Republicans. In fact, the last “continuing resolution” passed with 107 Republicans supporting it and 106 Republicans opposing it.

If we are not going to secure significant policy changes or even keep spending below the caps adopted by bipartisan majorities less than one year ago, why would we proceed when we could instead pass a year-long funding resolution that would save Americans \$100 billion in year one?

Respectfully,



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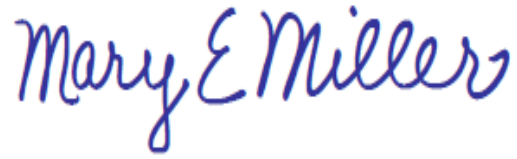
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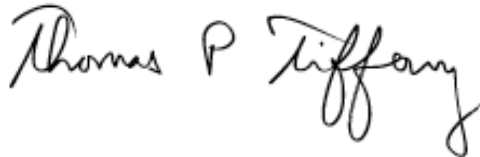
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