



FROM THE NEWSROOM OF:

HOUSE COMMITTEE *on* APPROPRIATIONS

RANKING MEMBER ROSA DeLAURO

@APPROPSDEMS
DEMOCRATS-APPROPRIATIONS.HOUSE.GOV

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

[Bill Text](#) | [Committee Report](#)

The 2024 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations bill includes \$51.5 billion for global programs and activities, which is \$8.2 billion below the 2023 level, a cut of 15 percent. It cuts \$11.1 billion from the Environmental Protection Agency programs in the Inflation Reduction Act. The legislation:

- **Threatens national security by abdicating U.S. leadership** at the United Nations (UN) and other multilateral and international financial institutions by not including any funding for the UN Regular budget, the UN Development Program, UN Women, and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Underfunds the operations and staffing** of the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).
- **Hampers the U.S. response to the climate crisis** by eliminating support for adaptation, sustainable landscapes, and clean energy programming.
- **Threatens women's health globally** by prohibiting the United States from contributing to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), substantially underfunding bilateral family planning, and reinstating the Global Gag Rule on non-governmental organizations that receive U.S. assistance.

The 2024 funding bill:

- Hinders the U.S. **response to the Climate Crisis** by:
 - Only including funding for biodiversity conservation.
 - Prohibiting funding for the Green Climate Fund.
 - Prohibiting funding for the Clean Technology Fund.
 - Prohibiting funding for any loss and damage claims attributed to climate change.
 - Preventing democracy, security, gender, agriculture, or water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programming from being attributed to climate objectives.
 - Prohibits funds under Power Africa from being used for renewable energy unless matched by other sources of energy.
- **Funds global health but curtails partnerships** with the rest of the world by:
 - Including \$3.6 billion for USAID global health programming, a \$542 million decrease from 2023.
 - Prohibiting funding for the WHO.

- Threatens **women’s health** globally by:
 - Substantially decreasing funding for **bilateral family planning** to \$461 million, a decrease of \$114 million from the 2023 level.
 - Prohibiting the U.S. from contributing to **UNFPA**.
 - Legislatively reinstating **the Global Gag Rule** on non-governmental organizations that receive U.S. assistance.

- Put the United States into arrears at **international organizations** by:
 - \$245.8 million for the Contributions to International Organizations account (CIO), a decrease of \$1.2 billion from 2023 and \$1.5 billion below what would be needed to pay our full assessed dues.
 - Eliminating the International Organizations and Programs Account, endangering support for UN Women, UNICEF, and the UN Development Program (UNDP).
 - Includes new withholding on the United Nations.
 - Significant reductions and eliminations to international financial institutions leading to unpaid U.S. bills.

- Shortchanges **Development and Economic Assistance** making future investments in economic growth and social protections impossible. The bill:
 - Provides \$3 billion for Development Assistance, a decrease of \$1.4 billion from 2023.
 - Provides \$2.98 billion for Economic Support Funds (ESF), a decrease of \$1.3 billion below 2023.
 - Includes an additional \$1 billion in ESF to counter the malign influence of the People’s Republic of China.

- **Humanitarian Assistance** - \$6.45 billion for humanitarian assistance under the accounts Migration & Refugee Assistance (MRA) and International Disaster Assistance (IDA), \$2 billion below 2023, a cut of 23 percent.

- **Peacekeeping** - \$601.59 billion for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA), \$880.3 million below 2023, and \$420.5 million for Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), \$40.3 million below 2023.

- **Peace Corps** - \$410 million, \$20 million below 2023.

- **Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)** - \$905 million, \$25 million below 2023.

- **United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM)** - \$807.9 million, \$76.8 million below 2023.

- **Inter-American Foundation (IAF)** - \$22.5 million, \$24.5 million below 2023.
- **U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF)** - \$30 million, \$15 million below 2023.

The bill also includes partisan riders that:

- Prohibit funding to implement, administer, apply, enforce, or carry out Executive Orders on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility harming progress in increasing diversity in the nation’s diplomatic and development workforce.
- Prohibit funds from being used for envoys or special advisors unless they have been authorized by Congress or confirmed by the Senate.
- Prohibit funding from being used on “drag queen workshops, performances, or documentaries.”
- Ban funding for any activity that promotes or advances Critical Race Theory.
- Ban funding that may be used to classify or facilitate classification of any communications by a U.S. person as “mis, dis, or mal-information” – this would permit the spread of falsehoods without the ability to present the facts.
- Ban funding for counseling, promotion, or the carrying out of surgical procedures or hormone therapies for gender-affirming care.
- Prevent funding to be used to implement or enforce an agreement with Iran relating to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or to revoke the designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization.
- Prohibit funds to implement the Arms Trade Treaty.
- Prohibits the Pride Flag from being flown over United States facilities.
- Prevents the implementation of any agreement by the World Health Assembly or UN body without Senate approval.

Additional riders were added during House consideration of the bill that:

- Reduce the salary of Secretary of State Antony Blinken to \$1.
- Prohibit funds for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.
- Prohibit economic support to Mexico.
- Prohibit funding to implement President Biden’s Executive Orders on climate change and for the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate.