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Extreme House Republicans Do Not Want to Follow the Budget Agreement, They Want to Disable Government

Until House Republicans are ready to follow the full terms of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA), they will continue dragging our country down a path toward a shutdown. Despite recent reports, House Republicans are not yet adhering to the full terms of the agreement when they say they support a \$1.59 trillion topline, which appears nowhere in the text of the FRA. They would rather posture, delay, and cut the programs Americans depend on than get down to the hard work of governing.

By the Numbers: The Agreement Negotiated by House Republicans

Fiscal Year 2023 Discretionary Toplines	Fiscal Year 2024 Discretionary Toplines <i>Agreed to in Bipartisan Budget Agreement</i>
Defense base funding = \$860 billion	Defense base funding (cap) = \$886 billion
Nondefense base + Terms of Agreement = \$771 billion (\$744 billion) (\$27.5 billion)	Nondefense base + Terms of Agreement = \$773 billion (\$704 billion) (\$69 billion)

It is nothing new for budget agreements to include a terms and conditions agreement outside of the legislative text. In fact, the terms and conditions House Republicans agreed to with the FRA is similar to [the 2019 Bipartisan Budget Act agreement](#), which was the most recent spending caps deal prior to the FRA.

Speaker Johnson and others citing a \$1.59 trillion total are omitting the full terms agreed to in the FRA as an attempt to shortchange domestic programs by \$69 billion while leaving the defense funding level untouched.

By refusing to honor the full terms of the agreement, Extreme House Republicans are renegeing on the deal and attempting to cut domestic programs by \$69 billion.

The existence of an FRA terms and conditions agreement was not a secret. It was widely reported at the time, including in a [May 28 White House press call](#) on the agreement, in which the Administration stated “it keeps non-defense spending roughly flat with the 2023 levels in 2024, when you factor in agreed-upon appropriations adjustments” as well as a [May 30 White House press briefing](#) in which the first question the OMB Director was asked was on these additional terms and conditions.

As one of the White House’s negotiators [recently tweeted](#), the terms and conditions were necessary to get the deal done, and there was no deal without them. Extreme House Republicans may not like the terms and conditions that House Republican negotiators committed to, but it was a critical component of the agreement. Anyone arguing against these terms and conditions is renegeing on the deal.

House Republicans Have Already Tried Cuts: They Failed

House Republicans have already tried deeply cutting the domestic programs Americans rely on, and they failed because they were unable to garner enough support from their own members. Funding bills excluding the full terms and conditions of the agreement and only providing a nondefense level of \$704 billion, as suggested by extreme House Republicans, would mean a cut approaching and potentially far exceeding 10 percent to programs that share wide bipartisan support.

We know they cannot pass bills with steep cuts because they already tried and failed.