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# **FISCAL YEAR 2025 FACT SHEET**



**Once again, House Republicans are failing our veterans.** Their 2025 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bill would hurt military readiness, disarm us in the face of the climate crisis, and worsen the quality of life for servicemembers and their families. Their extreme proposal furthers Republicans' constant attempts to roll back women's rights. Paired with cuts to critical programs in the other funding bills, **Republicans are failing our veterans.** 

## Worsens the Quality of Life and Safety of Servicemembers and Their Families

- Cuts military construction by \$718 million compared to last year and underfunds DOD's infrastructure needs that are vital to military readiness and recruitment and retention.
- Undermines the ability to keep guns out of the hands of those prohibited under Federal law from purchasing or possessing firearms.
- Disenfranchises veterans rather than making VA a welcoming and inclusive place for all those who volunteered to serve our country. The United States did not make promises to certain servicemembers in exchange for their service and sacrifice; we made promises to everyone.

## **Disarms our Military in the Face of the Climate Crisis**

- Does not include additional, dedicated funding for military installation climate change and resilience projects, which is a cut of \$30 million from last year. Without this funding, military installations will fail to adapt to rising sea levels and worsening natural disasters, putting servicemembers and our national security at risk.
- Walks back on investments made to address disaster recovery needs by cutting Natural Disaster Recovery construction funding by \$50 million below last year.

### **Further Limits Women's Access to Abortion**

• Furthers Republicans' goal of making abortion illegal nationally by prohibiting VA from offering abortion counseling and, in certain cases, abortions to veterans and VA beneficiaries. This puts women at risk, making it harder for veterans to access health care.

### **Built on a Framework that Harms Veterans**

• Masks that Republicans are failing veterans. Veterans rely on programs across the entire federal government. House Republicans' proposal to slash critical domestic investments in other bills will strip away education, job opportunities, housing, and food assistance that veterans and their families depend on. House Republicans cannot claim to support veterans while making it harder for them to find jobs, feed their families, and keep roofs over their heads.