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Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

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The 2024 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies funding bill, provides \$54.2 billion, a decrease of \$4.9 billion or 8.2 percent below 2023. Further, the bill's domestic allocation is effectively 25.4 percent, \$6.4 billion, below 2023 while its defense allocation is 3.5 percent, \$1.1 billion, above 2023, creating a further disparity between domestic and defense programs. The legislation:

- **Increases energy costs** by cutting the Department of Energy's clean energy programs that lower American families' energy bills.
- **Jeopardizes energy security** by enabling Russia to continue weaponizing energy to destabilize global markets.
- **Hurts United States' competitiveness** by allowing competitors like China to monopolize markets for new energy technology.
- **Fails to confront the climate crisis** and create better-paying, clean energy jobs.

Key provisions of the bill:

- Cuts the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account by \$1.5 billion or 42% below 2023 (\$2.8 billion or 58% below the President's budget request).
- Includes \$5.7 billion in untenable repeals from the Department of Energy's Inflation Reduction Act programs, including:
 - \$4.5 billion from the High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program.
 - \$1 billion from the Assistance for Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption.
 - \$200 million from the State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants.
- Relitigates the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) by repurposing:
 - \$3.6 billion from the Department of Energy's IIJA Civil Nuclear Credit Program that help preserve the existing U.S. reactor fleet and save thousands of high-paying jobs across the country; and
 - \$84 million from the Corps of Engineers' IIJA programs.
- Revokes \$15 billion in loan authority from the Department of Energy's Title 17 Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program—an increasingly successful program that promotes climate-friendly innovation and American manufacturing.
- Intentionally shifts \$576 million in domestic funding to defense programs by abandoning prior agreements on funding for certain environmental cleanup activities.

The bill includes partisan riders:

- Allows firearms on Corps of Engineers' public lands.
- Blocks the January 2023 revised definition of 'Waters of the United States'.
- Prohibits the Corps of Engineers from renaming items that commemorate the Confederacy.

- Includes a new title of controversial California water provisions that mandates the use of environmentally harmful water management plans and advances controversial California dam proposals.
- Prohibits funds to stop the energy efficiency standard for electric grid distribution transformers.
- Prohibits funds to stop the energy efficiency standards for residential clothes washers.
- Prohibits funds to stop energy efficiency standards for consumer conventional cooking products.
- Prohibits funding related to Department of Energy's Justice40 initiative.
- Prohibits funding related to critical race theory.
- Prohibits funding for any diversity, equity, and inclusion office, program, or training.
- Prohibits funding for Executive Orders related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the Federal workforce.
- Prohibits funding related to advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities through the Federal Government.
- Allows for discrimination based on same-sex marriage.