

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Chairman Tim Ryan

Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Bill At-A-Glance



Provides **\$6.9 billion, a 16.5 percent increase**, to secure the Capitol Complex and all who work and visit the Capitol, grow opportunity, and ensure Congress works better for the American people.

Grows Opportunity

- Provides \$810 million for the Members Representational Allowance (MRA), the basic office budgets of House Members, an increase of \$35.6 million above the fiscal year 2022 level which will allow the House to retain talented staff and provide a “living wage”
- Provides \$24.3 million for House paid internships, increasing workforce diversity and opportunity for interns from working- and middle-class families and supports paying livable wages for interns

Secures the Capitol Complex and Members

- Provides for extensive and enhanced security measures within the budgets for the Sergeant at Arms (SAA), the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) and the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP)
- Fulfills the security recommendations suggested by the Government Accountability Office and the Office of Inspector General after the January 6th insurrection
- Strengthens and supports the USCP with \$734.6 million to allow for the hiring of up to 2,126 sworn officers and 567 civilian members, bolster wellness support, increase transparency and diversity, provide retention bonuses, and improve training
- Ensures the Capitol Complex is secure for the safety of Members, staff, and visitors, including a \$541 million increase for the AOC to make significant physical security enhancements
- Provides for significant enhancements to keep Members safe through the SAA, including for district office, residential security, and additional Dignitary Protection Division agents
- Provides for a Body Cam Pilot Program for Capitol Police officers on the Capitol Complex, increasing transparency and officer safety.

Ensures Congress Works Better for the American People

- Provides the necessary funding increases to support the staffing and resources needed by Congress to do its job well and best serve constituents, including by:
 - Allowing the House to establish a childcare subsidy program for staff
 - Supporting staff recruitment and retention efforts by providing educational assistance and professional development
 - Increasing funding for Members Representational Allowance – the operating budget for Congressional offices – to help recruit and retain a talented and diverse staff
- Invests \$10 million in the House Modernization Initiatives Account to make Congress more effective, efficient, and transparent on behalf of the American people
- Strengthens agencies that provide research and support for Congress, including the Library of Congress, the Congressional Research Service, the Government Accountability Office, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Government Publishing Office