

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

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Fiscal Year 2024 Funding Bill At-A-Glance



Despite being shamed by veterans across the country into changing their initial 2024 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, House Republicans' bill still falls short. While it corrects their attempts to immediately rescind **\$2 billion for veterans medical care** in their Default on America Act and **dramatically cut the Toxic Exposures Fund**, paired with cuts to critical programs in the other domestic funding bills, **Republicans are failing our veterans**.

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

- Cuts military construction by over \$1.5 billion compared to the current level.
- Provides \$539 billion for the Department of Defense Base Closure Account (BRAC), which is a cut of \$35.5 million compared to the current level and does not include dedicated funding for PFAS remediation and cleanup, which is a cut of \$200 million from the current level. PFAS can lead to serious health problems, and failure to quickly clean up contaminated areas puts the surrounding communities at risk.
- 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 \$90 million from the current level.
- 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.

Further Limits Women's Access to Abortion

- House Republicans want to make abortion illegal nationally. This bill furthers that mission by prohibiting VA from implementing its interim final rule on abortions, putting women at risk by making it harder for veterans to access health care.

Built on a Framework that Harms Veterans

- Veterans rely on programs across the entire federal government. House Republicans' proposals to slash critical domestic investment in other bills to levels not seen for years—and in some cases decades—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 feed their families and keep roofs over their heads.