

HOUSE COMMITTEE *on* APPROPRIATIONS
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE TORTURED TOPLINE DEPARTMENT
NOTHING LESS THAN ONE PERCENT

We hereby conduct this post-mortem

- House Republicans spent the year in chaos, repeatedly threatening to shut down the government over their desire to slash public education, law enforcement, infrastructure investments, & more.
- **The final enacted bills successfully rejected House Republicans' harmful cuts and provided an increase over the full FRA agreement.**
- And for a fortnight there, we saw House Republicans join Democrats to govern.

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Enacted FY 2024 Defense = \$886 billion (+3 percent over FY 2023)

It's happening again

- The FRA agreement calls for at least 1 percent increases for defense and nondefense (NDD) in 2025, but **Republicans are seeking NDD cuts of at least \$67 billion from what we just passed in March** and an NDD topline no higher than \$711 billion, **shortchanging American families.**

Enacted FY 2024 Nondefense = \$778 billion
FY 2025 NDD sought by House Republicans = no higher than \$711 billion
FY 2025 NDD sought by House Democrats = at least \$786 billion

- Marking up to an NDD topline of \$711 billion for 2025 would cause the same Republican chaos as 2024, **and it leaves on the table at least \$75 billion in investments in American families.**
- House Republicans know that these delay tactics amount to a sham process that overpromises to their most extreme Members and leads us from one continuing resolution to another, or worse, a shutdown.

How will it end?

- **Consistent with the FRA agreement, the 2025 topline must increase by nothing less than 1 percent over 2024 for both nondefense and defense funding.**

FY 2025 Nondefense = at least \$786 billion (+1 percent over FY 2024)
FY 2025 Defense = at least \$895 billion (+1 percent over FY 2024)

- A one percent increase is the starting point. If those who voted for the FRA now think 1 percent for defense is insufficient, any additional increases to defense funding must be paired with dollar-for-dollar increases in nondefense funding.