



# HOUSE COMMITTEE *on* APPROPRIATIONS

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## 2024 Appropriations Update

### *Status, Summaries, Suggested Talking Points*

#### Main Message

Before the ink of President Biden’s signature on the debt limit law was even dry, Republicans reneged on the deal Speaker McCarthy negotiated. They are back to cutting critical programs and endangering our communities, introducing bills to kick families out of their homes and take away the child care that helps them keep their jobs. Instead of honoring the agreement, Republicans are looking for ways to pull elementary school teachers out of the classroom and put college and job training out of reach. The chaos and uncertainty they create threaten our national security, make our communities less safe, and kick local cops off the street. We will not support bills that would devastate children, families, seniors, and veterans—millions of people across the country.

#### Status of Each 2024 Funding Bill

SUBCOMMITTEE	STATUS
<b>Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies</b>	Passed Full Committee
<b>Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies</b>	Not Introduced
<b>Defense</b>	Passed Full Committee
<b>Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies</b>	Passed Full Committee
<b>Financial Services and General Government</b>	Passed Subcommittee
<b>Homeland Security</b>	Passed Full Committee

SUBCOMMITTEE	STATUS
<b>Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies</b>	Not Introduced
<b>Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies</b>	Not Introduced
<b>Legislative Branch</b>	Passed Full Committee
<b>Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies</b>	Passed Full Committee
<b>State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs</b>	Passed Subcommittee
<b>Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies</b>	Not Introduced

# Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

*Full Committee Passed June 14*

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[Ranking Member DeLauro Statement](#) | [Ranking Member Bishop Statement](#)

- For 2024, the bill provides \$17.8 billion – a level so low that it was last seen in 2007 – which is \$8 billion below what was provided in 2023. The legislation:
  - Reneges on investments in rural America such as loans to financially distressed farmers and funds for rural electric co-ops to help ratepayers.
  - Reneges on critical nutrition assistance by including harmful changes to the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) cash value voucher that cuts benefits for 5 million women, infants, and children enrolled.
  - Underfunds critical direct loans for the purchase of homes in rural areas and water and waste grants, which help the poorest communities get safer water services.
  - Rescinds most of the funds provided in the Inflation Reduction Act for any farmer, rancher, or forest landowner who experienced discrimination in USDA farm lending programs.
  - Reverses the FDA decision to allow mifepristone to be dispensed in certified pharmacies, instead of only in hospitals, clinics, and medical offices.
- This proposal is built on an \$8 billion foundation that is completely detached from reality because most of these rescissions may not be available by next year. In these rescissions, House Republicans:
  - **Rural Electric Cooperatives:** Slash funding for rural electric co-ops. Co-ops serve 42 million people and cover 56 percent of the nation's land mass. This includes serving 92 percent of persistent poverty counties and powering over 21 million businesses, homes, schools, and farms in 48 states. Cutting these programs could mean that millions of hardworking Americans in rural communities will see their electric bill go up because they will not benefit from these programs essential to making energy more affordable, reliable, clean, and resilient.
    - This funding was already announced on May 16 so it is likely the money will be spent and not be available for rescission by the time this bill goes to conference.
    - More information on which co-ops provide service in each Congressional District can be found [here](#).
  - **Economically distressed farm loan borrowers:** Prevent an estimated 104,000 economically distressed direct and guaranteed farm loan borrowers from getting the assistance they are eligible for. This means mean farmers who are in the process of applying for assistance to make up for pandemic losses will not receive payments.
  - **Rural Energy for America Program (REAP):** Cut \$500 million for lowering rural energy prices and raising costs for approximately 15,000 rural small businesses and agriculture producers.
- This bill exemplifies Republican values: taking food out of the mouths of hungry people, creating hurdles for women to access medication, raising energy costs for rural Americans, and making it harder for small farmers to make ends meet while at the same time tipping the scale in favor of big corporations

## Defense

*Full Committee Passed June 22*

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[Ranking Member DeLauro Statement](#) | [Ranking Member McCollum Statement](#)

- Instead of investing in our national security and the issues that matter most to our men and women in uniform, House Republicans' 2024 Defense funding bill includes irrelevant, harmful policy riders that divide our nation.
- For 2024, the bill provides \$826.2 million, \$285 million above the request, and \$29.4 billion above last year's level. The legislation:
  - Cuts vital civilian positions at a time when the Department is struggling to meet readiness goals.
  - Fails to invest in critical climate change programs that are necessary to protect our installations.
  - Harms readiness with divisive provisions that undermine morale and fail to support our service personnel, by:
    - Attacking the LGBTQI+ community with hateful, discriminatory provisions—patriots who volunteer their service and put their lives in danger.
    - Preventing service personnel from traveling to seek reproductive health care.
    - Banning funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
  - Allows disinformation campaigns and extremist views to flourish which undermine our democracy.
- This bill is a non-starter that has no chance of becoming law. Now is the time to start focusing on the end goal of funding our government rather than pushing messaging bills that have no future.

# Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

*Full Committee Passed June 22*

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[Ranking Member DeLauro Statement](#) | [Ranking Member Kaptur Statement](#)

## RESCISSIONS, REPEALS, AND CUTS IN THE 2024 ENERGY AND WATER FUNDING BILL FACT SHEET [HERE](#)

- The majority has put forth a bill that increases energy costs for American families, undermines growth and modernization of our energy infrastructure, weakens our national security, and would yield the world's energy future to the Chinese Communist Party.
- With massive cuts that renege on the debt limit agreement that was just signed into law, the 2024 Energy and Water bill raises costs for families and weakens energy security and our ability to out-compete China.
- The bill invests \$55.2 billion, a decrease of \$3.9 billion or 6.5 percent below 2023. Further, the bill's domestic allocation is effectively 21.5 percent, \$5.4 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 and rescinding 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 U.S. 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.
- The bill cuts the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account by \$466 million or 14 percent below 2023 (\$1.8 billion or 38 percent below the President's budget request). This office is critical to developing manufacturing, building efficiency, clean energy like hydrogen and solar, and weatherization technologies that are critical to our nation's growth and resilience.
- The bill includes dangerous cuts that House Democrats have been sounding the alarm about for months. With this bill, House Republicans:
  - 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.
  - Repurposes critical Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) resources including:
    - \$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 Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program—an increasingly successful program that promotes climate-friendly innovation and American manufacturing.
- This bill exemplifies Republican values: increasing costs for hardworking families, decreasing job opportunities, failing to confront the climate crisis, and allowing Russia and China to out-compete us.

*State-by-state Energy and Water data linked [here](#).*

- Republicans 2024 Energy and Water funding bill would raise energy costs for households across the country. Through the High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate program [DOLLAR AMOUNT] in assistance would be given to [NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS] across [STATE]. In their 2024 Energy and Water funding bill, House Republicans are slashing the program. House Democrats are fighting against these attempts to make energy more expensive.

# Financial Services and General Government Funding Bill

*FSGG Subcommittee Passed June 22*

[Press Release](#) | [Bill Text](#)

[Ranking Member DeLauro Statement](#) | [Ranking Member Hoyer Statement](#)

- From the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) enforcing the tax code, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) protecting Americans from scammers and higher prices through anti-competitive practices, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CSPC) combatting dangerous products including those for children, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) ensuring the fairness of markets, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) preventing robocalls, the agencies funded in the Financial Services and General Government Funding Bill are critical to keeping Americans safe.
- By cutting these agencies and including deep rescissions of prior funding, House Republicans are making Americans less safe.
- With \$13.4 billion in rescissions from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) IRS and General Services Administration (GSA) green-building funds, the draft bill includes a total of \$24.7 billion\* which is \$2.5 billion, 58 percent, below the 2023 level.
- The legislation benefits scammers, fraudsters, and cheaters—billionaires, big corporations, and the well-connected—at the expense of hardworking Americans by:
  - Enabling individuals to sell dangerous products with cuts to the CSPC including unsafe products for children.
  - Leaving seniors vulnerable to losing their life savings to scams by cutting the FTC.
  - Increasing robocalls by cutting funding for the FCC.
  - Drastically underfunding the SEC tasked with making sure markets are fair and protecting investors from bad actors.
  - Making our elections less secure with no funding for Election Security Grants.
  - Including approximately 50 new, problematic or pointless policy riders on topics such as the IRS Free File, SEC's climate disclosure rule, diversity and inclusion, telework, gender-affirming care, and abortion. Additionally, instead of addressing the issues that matter most to the American people, House Republicans are micromanaging the District of Columbia's health and traffic laws.
- The 2024 Financial Services and General Government funding bill is just another Republican wish list that has no chance of passing in the Senate or being signed by the President.

*\*NOTE: The calculation of the total excludes the transfer of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to annual appropriations and the associated fee offset.*

# Homeland Security Funding Bill

*Full Committee Passed June 21*

[Press Release](#) | [Bill Text](#) | [Bill Report](#)

[Ranking Member DeLauro Statement](#) | [Ranking Member Cuellar Statement](#)

- The 2024 Homeland Security funding bill is just another bogus bill that has no chance of becoming law.
- This bill squanders billions of dollars on misguided border measures, while disregarding the threats presented by terrorists, transnational criminals, and violent extremists.
- For 2024, the bill provides \$62.8 billion for the Department of Homeland Security and an additional \$20.3 billion for major disaster response and recovery. The legislation:
  - Provides a false sense of national security, by spending billions on outdated and expensive border wall, leaving our ports of entry and interior Border Patrol checkpoints vulnerable to the trafficking of fentanyl and other illicit narcotics.
  - Cuts necessary funding to manage the border safely and securely, putting our DHS workforce and our border communities at risk.
  - Fails to protect our communities from violent extremists, underfunding programs that enhance regional preparedness and response capabilities, making our communities less secure.
  - Weakens our national security through inadequate cybersecurity and infrastructure security investments, opening the U.S. to increased cyberattacks and foreign adversary influence.
  - Leaves Americans vulnerable to the growing number and increasing severity of natural disasters by failing to deliver needed resources to mitigate the loss of life and property, combat climate change, and support climate resilience.
  - Undermines the Transportation Security Administration workforce by unfairly implementing the pay restructuring we committed to last Congress.

## **Legislative Branch Funding Bill**

*Full Committee Passed June 21*

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[Ranking Member DeLauro Statement](#) | [Ranking Member Espallat Statement](#)

- The House Republican playbook is clear. They are cherry-picking the bills they consider easiest to pass so they can continue hiding their biggest promised cuts that will lead to hundreds of thousands of families losing their homes and the child care that helps them keep their jobs, eliminate job training programs that boost our economy, and kick hundreds of local cops off the street.
- For 2024, the draft bill includes a total of \$5.3 billion, a decrease of \$262 million or 4.7 percent, under 2023. The legislation:
  - Does not include language permitting funds in the Act to be used to employ individuals with an employment authorization document under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.
  - Does nothing to facilitate House Resolution 1096, which extends the collective bargaining rights prescribed in the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to employees of the House of Representatives and restores these rights to Congressional staffers.
  - Eliminates dedicated funding for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.
  - Removes a longstanding provision to eliminate or reduce plastic waste across the Legislative Branch, further contributing to the impacts of climate change.
- As an institution, we should be increasing our ability to serve our constituents and recruit and retain talented staff and the United States Capitol Police Officers, not merely treading water or cutting.
- This bill halts the progress made in recent years and raises concerns about Congress's ability to maintain and increase constituent services. We made incredible progress last Congress, but this bill takes us backward.



## **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

*Full Committee Passed June 13*

[Press Release](#) | [Bill Text](#) | [Bill Report](#)

[Ranking Member DeLauro Statement](#) | [Ranking Member Wasserman Schultz Statement](#)

- Thanks to the work of veterans service organizations and House Democrats, Republicans were shamed out of some of their recent attacks on the programs and services veterans across the country depend on.
- Democrats forced the removal of the Republican proposal to immediately cut \$2 billion from veterans' medical care as part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (the debt limit agreement brokered by President Biden and Speaker McCarthy).
- Pressure from veterans service organizations and amplification from House Democrats shamed House Republicans into significant changes to provisions that would have endangered veterans in their initial subcommittee mark of their 2024 funding bill, which would have:
  - Drastically underfunded the Toxic Exposures Fund by \$14.7 billion, created with bipartisan support in the PACT Act to ensure veterans exposed to Agent Orange, burn pits, and other toxic substances will always be cared for.
  - Undermined veterans' health care by allowing the transfer of \$4.5 billion in medical care funding to areas outside of health care.
- This harmful bill does not comply with the debt limit agreement. Chaos and confusion continue to plague the path forward on 2024 funding bills despite having topline numbers signed into law.
- The 2024 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies funding bill fails to honor our commitment to veterans, servicemembers, and their families. The bill:
  - Cuts funding for critical military construction and backtracks on our promises to our servicemembers and their families by cutting military construction by over \$1.5 billion compared to the current level.
  - Reneges on the bipartisan budget agreement less than two weeks after it was enacted.
  - Includes partisan changes to existing law, known as "riders," that have no chance of becoming law.

*Beyond just the text of this bill...*

- This is not the only bill that supports programs and services that our veterans rely on. Republicans cannot credibly claim to fully fund veterans' programs until they have shown us how they treat veterans in the rest of the domestic funding bills.
- By failing to write bills that follow the law, Republicans' cuts will reach deeper into other agencies' programs:
  - Cutting access to mental health services, suicide prevention, and telehealth.
  - Leaving thousands of veterans without food and shelter by endangering the 50,000 veterans who rely on Housing Choice Vouchers.
  - Ensuring that more than 4,200 veterans who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness would lose the support they so desperately need.
- The MilCon-VA bill cannot be considered in a silo. These allocations show that House Republicans are doubling down on the Default on America Act's \$142 billion in cuts. But they don't want to stop there. Reports indicate they want to go up to \$159 billion in cuts, but our initial review of their proposal suggests they may go as high as \$189 billion. Where will their desire for drastic cuts end?

# State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

*Subcommittee Passed June 23*

[Press Release](#) | [Bill Text](#)

[Ranking Member DeLauro Statement](#) | [Ranking Member Barbara Lee Statement](#)

- House Republicans 2024 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs bill fails to protect Americans. Global engagement and foreign assistance are critical to bolstering our national security, and the House Republican 2024 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs bill puts the United States at risk.
- This bill is a reversal of the United States' historic position on the world stage. Whether we are talking about military, economic, or humanitarian assistance – any of the areas that our foreign policy takes us – this bill completely unravels the hard-fought credibility and influence we have earned to be global leaders.
- House Republicans are diminishing the United States, what we stand for, and what our values are – for our own people and for people around the world who look to us for inspiration and hope. We are ceding leadership to our adversaries.
- With \$11.1 billion in rescissions from the Environmental Protection Agency programs in the Inflation Reduction Act, the draft bill includes \$52.5 billion for global programs and activities, which is \$7.2 billion below the 2023 level. The allocation is 31 percent below 2023. The legislation:
  - Threatens national security by abdicating U.S. leadership at the United Nations (UN) and other multilateral and international financial institutions by not including any funding for the UN Regular budget, the UN Development Program, UN Women, and the World Health Organization (WHO).
  - Underfunds the operations and staffing of the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).
  - Hampers the U.S. response to the climate crisis by eliminating support for adaptation, sustainable landscapes, and clean energy programming.
  - Threatens women's health globally by prohibiting the United States from contributing to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), substantially underfunding bilateral family planning, and reinstating the Global Gag Rule on non-governmental organizations that receive U.S. assistance.
- The greatest challenges facing the U.S. are multi-dimensional and cross borders. We should be working with countries and institutions with mutual interests to solve real problems, not marking up partisan funding bills that do nothing to advance the process of funding the government.

## General Graphics and Social Media

Graphics below are available for download [here](#).

- 1) While the Senate marks up funding bills based on the bipartisan debt limit deal, House Republicans are pretending it doesn't exist.

It's time for House Appropriations Committee Republicans to take their job seriously and responsibly fund the government. **[GRAPHIC]**



- 2) House Republicans' ransom note: lay off teachers, increase child care costs, turn off the lights for rural farmers, and pull food off families' tables...or else. **[GRAPHIC]**



- 3) The Speaker agreed to go through the process of funding the government according to the numbers we just agreed to in the debt limit bill.

@HouseDemocrats agree. Why aren't we doing that? **[GRAPHIC]**

