Defense

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FISCAL YEAR 2025 FACT SHEET

House Republicans choose chaos over strengthening our national security. Their 2025 Defense funding bill would hurt military readiness, undermine democracy at home and abroad, and disarm us in the face of the climate crisis. Their extreme proposal furthers Republicans' constant attempts to roll back women's rights. Instead of joining House Democrats to focus on our national security and the issues that matter most to our men and women in uniform, **Republicans are promoting divisive policies that undermine morale and fail to support our service personnel.**

Undermines Democracy at Home and Abroad

- Eliminates the Department of Defense's ability to counter disinformation campaigns, allowing extremist views to flourish and threaten our national security.
- Fails to include the $300 million for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative despite wide bipartisan support for helping Ukraine defend itself against Russia.

Harms Military Readiness and Fails to Support Our Service Personnel

- Cuts civilian positions at a time when the Department of Defense is struggling to meet readiness goals.
- Disenfranchises servicemembers rather than making our military a welcoming and inclusive place for all those who serve our country. Republicans continue to pursue hateful, discriminatory policies that attack women; the LGBTQ+ community; and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts instead of supporting those risking their lives to keep our country safe.

Further Limits Women's Access to Abortion

- Furthers Republicans' goal of making abortion illegal nationally by preventing service personnel from traveling to seek reproductive health care. This puts women at risk, making it harder for servicemembers and their families to access critical assistance.

Disarms our Military in the Face of the Climate Crisis

- Ignores military leaders—including Former Secretary Mattis who warned that climate change threatened American interests and assets around the world, and said climate change is, "a challenge that requires a broader, whole-of-government response"— by failing to invest in protecting our military installations from climate change.
- Prohibits the use of funds to implement several Executive Orders put in place to combat or mitigate the risks of the climate crisis.