



COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

FISCAL YEAR 2026 FACT SHEET

House Republicans are promoting yet another bill that raises costs for American families; defunds law enforcement; makes America less safe; and promotes waste, fraud, and abuse. Their 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill would eliminate thousands of federal law enforcement positions, open communities up to more violence, and cut resources to protect women and children from violence. Instead of addressing the cost-of-living crisis, House Republicans are making it worse by slashing resources that promote economic development, boost U.S. exports, and fight unfair trade practices in other countries all while continuing their attack on science and education.

Defunds Federal Law Enforcement, Threatens National Security

- Forces the FBI to reduce its workforce by thousands of positions, underfunding the agency by nearly \$1 billion, weakening its ability to fight violent crime and counter threats to our national security.
- Slashes resources for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), forcing ATF to reduce its workforce by more than 1,000 positions, greatly weakening its ability to prevent illegal gun trafficking and to assist State and local law enforcement in capturing dangerous criminals.
- Cuts resources to protect the U.S. from harm, including espionage, domestic and international terrorism, and other threats.

Makes Families and Children Less Safe

- Opens our schools, grocery stores, churches, concerts, and communities up to more devastating mass shootings by making it easier for guns to end up in the wrong hands.
- Slashes legal services and makes our communities more vulnerable to crime by cutting Juvenile Justice grants, hate crimes grants, and other resources that prevent violence.
- Completely eliminates the Community Relations Service and Community Violence Intervention and Prevention grants, and several other violence prevention grant programs.

Harms Communities and Hurts America's Scientific and Economic Competitiveness

- Guts Economic Development Administration programs that create jobs, revitalize distressed local economies, and support American businesses predominately through investments in rural communities.
- Slashes the Minority Business Development Agency, the only federal agency tasked with promoting the growth and competitiveness of minority-owned businesses.
- Cuts billions from science, technology development, STEM education, and aeronautics research of NASA and the National Science Foundation and blocks funding for the implementation of initiatives to combat the climate crisis.

Continues Republican Attacks on Women's Health and Safety

- Bars funding for the litigation against States or local governments regarding laws limiting abortion access and for the implementation of guidance to prevent harassment in the workplace.
- Cuts Violence Against Women Act grants that help reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.