



REPUBLICAN FUNDING BILLS FAIL TO ADDRESS COST OF LIVING



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Democrats will fight to enact 2026 spending bills that address the cost-of-living crisis, make our communities safer and more enjoyable, and stand up to President Trump's corruption. In the last year, we have witnessed the Trump administration's lawless actions while operating under Continuing Resolutions. A second year of funding on autopilot would allow President Trump and Budget Director Russ Vought another year to dismantle critical government services. It is imperative that we end up with full-year 2026 spending bills that constrain an out-of-control White House and drop the following Republican proposals in the president's budget request or House bills.

Republicans are failing to address the cost-of-living crisis Trump has called a "hoax" and failing to help families

- At a time when households are struggling with utility costs, Trump has proposed to eliminate funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which increases home energy efficiency and saves households \$372 on average per year, and the House bill cuts Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy funding by \$1.6 billion (E&W)
- When millions of Americans cannot afford housing, the House bill cuts \$1.5 billion from public housing, threatening eviction for 230,000 low-income households as well as cuts \$770 million from the section 8 voucher program, which is \$3 billion less than what is needed to prevent 140,000 households from being evicted (THUD)
- Rather than increase education opportunities so that Americans can thrive, the House bill cuts education funding by \$12 billion, including \$5 billion from grants for schools in low-income areas and over \$2 billion for teacher training (LHHS)
- Despite the need to invest more in infrastructure, President Trump wants to cut Corps of Engineers funds by \$2 billion for water infrastructure in our communities (E&W)
- Instead of ensuring that future breakthroughs occur in US labs, President Trump's budget plan slashes National Science Foundation funding by 57%, NASA Science funding by 47%, Department of Energy Office of Science by \$1.1 billion, and the National Institutes of Health by 40% (CJS, E&W and LHHS)

Republican budget proposals would make our communities less safe and less enjoyable

- Both the Trump budget request and the House Republican bill slash Violence Against Women Act grants and eliminate hate crime prevention grants (CJS)
- Endangers law enforcement and our communities by including more than 20 new extreme gun policy riders in the House bill that weaken public safety and fuel gun violence (CJS)
- Instead of supporting popular bipartisan priorities like parks, the president proposed to cut the National Park Service by \$1.2 billion and the House bill cuts NPS by \$213 million (Interior)
- Worsens the climate crisis by defunding all EPA climate work and cutting EPA funding by \$2.1 billion in the House bill (Interior)
- Eliminates federal funding for arts and humanities grants throughout the country (Interior)
- Surrenders to ongoing health crises by cutting public health programs at CDC by \$1.7 billion and substance abuse and mental health services by \$300 million in the House bill (LHHS)
- Congressional Republicans continue their assault on women's health, including prohibiting funding for Planned Parenthood health centers and blocking access to abortion services and reproductive healthcare (LHHS)
- Makes our communities more vulnerable to natural disasters by cutting FEMA funding by 11% in President Trump's budget (Homeland)

Republicans are not standing up to corruption from Trump and his billionaire cronies

- On the heels of slashing health care for millions of Americans to pay for tax cuts for billionaires, the House bill cuts IRS enforcement by \$2.4 billion (FSGG)
- Instead of helping small businesses that compete against large corporations, the House bill cuts the Small Business Administration and the assistance it provides to entrepreneurs by \$324 million while at the same time turning a blind eye to corporate enforcement by cutting Securities and Exchange Commission by \$154 million (FSGG)
- Leaves consumers vulnerable to scams and predatory junk fees by cutting the Federal Trade Commission by \$37 million in the House bill (FSGG)

With only 39 days until government funding lapses, there are still nine outstanding funding bills to be negotiated. Given the amount of work that is required to clean up the mess Republicans have created, it is imperative that we get to work right away to address the priorities of the American people before January 30.