

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS



FISCAL YEAR 2026 FACT SHEET

House Republicans are surrendering America's position as the leader of the free world. Their 2026 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs funding bill weakens our national security, makes foreign assistance less effective and accountable, harms women around the world, and hinders our ability to address the climate crisis. By proposing an unprecedented 22 percent cut to the funding level Democrats and Republicans just agreed to, Republicans are isolating America and promoting extremism, and that puts Americans at risk.

Threatens National Security by Abdicating U.S. Leadership

- Underfunds the operations and staffing of the State Department and reinforces the dismantling of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) despite maintaining many bipartisan development and humanitarian programs that are left without adequate capacity and oversight.
- Cuts funding for educational exchanges and the Peace Corps, diminishing our best ambassadors – the American people.
- Risks Americans' health and safety by eliminating funding for the United Nations (UN) regular budget, UN Development Program, UN Women, and UNICEF and prohibits support for the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Advantages adversaries, like Russia and the People's Republic of China, by pulling out of international initiatives and shrinking the U.S. footprint overseas.
- Threatens international access to accurate and timely news, especially in closed societies like Russia, China, and Iran, by cutting funding for international broadcasting by \$185 million.

Threatens Women's Health Globally

- Cuts \$362 million used to improve maternal and child health and fight infectious diseases.
- Prohibits support for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) whose work is critical to keeping women and girls safe and healthy.
- Slashes bilateral family planning by \$114 million, central to supporting women's health and addressing reproductive health issues, and codifies the expanded Global Gag Rule.

Hampers the U.S. Response to the Climate Crisis

- Eliminates support for communities' ability to adapt to weather changes, sustainably manage their land and resources, and expand access to clean energy.
- Prohibits funding to the Clean Technology Fund and the Green Climate Fund as well as implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- Ignores connections between the environment, conflict, migration, and economic opportunity.

Puts Americans at Risk by Catering to the Most Extreme Republicans

- Includes extreme partisan policy riders despite being continually rejected by both the House and the Senate, wasting time and continuing President Trump's chaos.
- Fails to protect diplomatic and development experts critical to continuing the soft power of the U.S. in order to keep Americans safe and prevent conflict.
- Undermines our democracy by allowing disinformation and extremist views to flourish.
- Directs \$1.7 billion to the America First Opportunity Fund, a slush fund for President Trump.