

# APPROPRIATIONS



## Critical Democratic Priorities in the Year-End Funding Package

**Increases non-defense spending by \$12.5 billion above the budget caps, allowing for strong investments in American families and communities.**

**Supports better schools**, with \$16.5 billion for Education for the Disadvantaged Grants to Local Educational Agencies, an increase of \$227 million above the FY 2020 enacted level, and \$12.9 billion for IDEA Special Education Grants to States, an increase of \$173 million above the FY 2020 enacted level.

**Expands access to housing**, providing \$43.4 million in new targeted vouchers to reduce homelessness among families with children, individuals, the unsheltered, veterans, and survivors of domestic violence.

**Tackles food insecurity**, with full funding for WIC, child nutrition programs, and SNAP.

**Builds safer communities**, with \$25 million split evenly for federal research at the CDC and NIH into our nation's gun violence epidemic, as well as \$85 million for grants to improve the NICS firearms background check system, \$6.7 million above the FY 2020 enacted level.

**Protects our environment**, with \$9.24 billion, a \$180 million increase, for the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure clean air and water and to hold polluters accountable.

**Combats climate change**, by providing \$2.86 billion for DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, \$72 million above FY 2020 and \$427 million for ARPA-E to support the development of clean, affordable, and secure energy, \$2 million above FY 2020, \$7.026 billion for DOE's Office of Science to support energy innovation for the future, \$26 million above FY 2020, and \$182 million for NOAA Climate Research, \$12.5 million above FY 2020.

**Strengthens rural communities**, with more than \$730 million to expand broadband service to provide economic development opportunities and improved education and healthcare services.

**Fights for a more humane immigration approach**, reducing funding for ICE's overly aggressive detention and removal activities by \$431 million below the fiscal year 2020 level.

**Honors our responsibilities to veterans**, providing \$90 billion for VA medical care, including homelessness assistance, suicide prevention and outreach, and gender-specific care.

**Bolsters international security and stability**, by providing \$50 million for the new Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Fund, which supports people-to-people exchanges and economic partnerships between Israelis and Palestinians.