



APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN TOM COLE

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FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2025 CHARGE & RESPONSE

Keeping the Government Open and Working for the American People

CHARGE: REPUBLICANS ARE ABDICATING RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE.

Given the March 14th deadline before us, House Republicans are acting to ensure a lapse in funding never occurs. Funding the federal government is a constitutional obligation and shared duty. A government shutdown is unacceptable, which is exactly why we are advancing a stopgap. The only people abdicating responsible governance are those who oppose this full-year continuing resolution (CR).

CHARGE: A CR WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE REPUBLICANS WALKED AWAY FROM FY25 NEGOTIATIONS.

Again, funding the federal government is a constitutional obligation and shared duty. Chairman Cole and the House Appropriations Committee have worked in good faith throughout the FY25 process. Unfortunately, Democrats held up FY25 negotiations on demands unrelated to government funding, and the clock ran out. *The Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act* is necessary to keep the government open and working for the nation. Should they choose to vote to shut the government for their contempt of President Trump – they are readying to hurt hundreds of millions more. It's a battle they previously lost to the American people – but are refusing to accept. Enacting a CR through the end of the fiscal year would guarantee there won't be a shutdown.

CHARGE: PREVIOUS FY24 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS ARE BEING “ZEROED” OUT. THIS IS A PARTISAN BILL.

This claim is completely false. All previously enacted FY24 projects remain as is—and are going forward. There is no change in their enactment. In the CR, we aren't repeating the same exact projects again, thus it is “zeroed” out in the legislation. Why would Congress double-fund one-time expenses?

- 1) That makes no sense.
- 2) It's not appropriate to spend taxpayer money on the same project twice.

Savings are achieved through the removal of already-enacted projects or one-time initiatives that were funded in FY24 bills—but will not be repeated. There are no “poison pills,” and Republicans account for responsible spending by ensuring taxpayer dollars aren't wasted. This approach prevents unnecessary duplication and allows resources to continue without increasing overall spending.



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CHARGE: A FULL-YEAR CONTINUING RESOLUTION IS A BLANK CHECK FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP.

A clean CR – which is a nonpartisan product – freezes funding to fulfill our duty to the American people and allows the administration to continue implementing its agenda.

CHARGE: THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITIES WOULD LOSE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING OR CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING.

House Republicans will remind their constituents that Democrats refused to find a reasonable solution to fund the government. Instead, Democrats hurt thousands of communities by using government funding as a weapon in pursuit of stopping President Trump. House Republicans will ensure the American people who fought for those provisions will have the opportunity in FY26.

CHARGE: DOGE AND ELON MUSK'S UNLAWFUL, DANGEROUS CUTS ARE IN THE FULL-YEAR CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

The bill contains no language related to DOGE. As their work continues to identify government waste and abuse, the House looks forward to engaging and coordinating on rescissions in the future.

CHARGE: REPUBLICANS ARE HURTING NATIONAL SECURITY AND MILITARY READINESS.

A continuing resolution is never ideal, but it is less harmful to our national security than a government shutdown – which is ultimately what the Democrats want. Given the dangerous world threat environment, this bill increases money for defense and fully funds the largest junior enlisted pay raise in over 40 years – the most significant increase since Ronald Reagan. It mitigates harmful disruptions to our national security and our industrial base. The bill also includes provisions to allow for new starts and to continue procurement efforts. House Democrats are the ones holding defense spending hostage for unnecessary increases in non-defense spending.

CHARGE: A CR INCREASES SPENDING.

This bill responsibly reduces discretionary spending compared to last year.

CHARGE: THIS BILL HURTS MEDICAID AND OTHER ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS.

False. This bill protects Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid recipients from the disruptions and confusion a shutdown will cause.



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CHARGE: THIS BILL LOCKS IN THE BIDEN BUDGET AND CONTINUES WASTE.

The bill provides funding for government operations, while maintaining the broad discretion in the spending of funds that any sitting president would have under a CR. It does not include any partisan restrictions on President Trump, which are part of the outlandish and unrealistic demands Democrats have been trying to push. Republicans will not allow the minority to restrain presidential authorities and President Trump's ability to execute the agenda the American people elected him to implement. Additionally, every anomaly has been requested or agreed to by the president.

CHARGE: REPUBLICANS ARE SHORTCHANGING VETERANS AND JEOPARDIZING THEIR CARE. THIS LEGISLATION PROVIDES ZERO DOLLARS FOR VETERAN MEDICAL SERVICES.

This bill does not contain "poison pill" riders. It is a clean CR that fully funds the government, including our military and veterans, and provides services and support across the nation. It also contains an additional \$6 billion for the Toxic Exposures Fund to treat veterans with service-related exposures to toxic substances. While Democrats spread fear, this legislation invests in roads, parks, water projects, infrastructure, research, and countless other core services.

CHARGE: REPUBLICANS ARE CUTTING THE FAA, RISKING THE SAFETY OF AIR TRAVEL.

The FAA receives increased investment over FY24 levels. This fearmongering charge is false.

CHARGE: REPUBLICANS ARE RISKING THE WELL-BEING OF AT-RISK WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

The bill fully funds the program that provides important nutrition assistance to mothers, infants, and children. It includes a more than \$500M increase for WIC, as requested by the Trump Administration, for a total of \$7.6B.

CHARGE: COST SAVINGS ARE ACHIEVED BY GUTTING PROGRAMS AND ENTITLEMENTS.

No targeted cuts are made to any program. Savings are achieved by the removal of projects that were funded in FY24 bills, but are not repeated.



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CHARGE: RANKING MEMBER DELAURO IS SAYING THE GOP IS ZEROING OUT THE TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND.

This is completely false. Read page 72 of the bill! Republicans are fully committed to supporting our veterans. The CR includes a \$6 billion increase for the Toxic Exposures Fund, ensuring continued care and resources. Unfortunately, Democrats are so desperate to oppose a clean stopgap that they are fearmongering on issues unrelated to the immediate here and now. Unlike the Biden Administration, whose budget miscalculations created uncertainty for veterans, Republicans remain steadfast in our commitment to taking care of those who have served.

CHARGE: THIS BILL CUTS MONEY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SLASHES COPS GRANTS.

This bill strongly supports law enforcement, including efforts to keep our communities safe by curbing and deporting illegal immigrants. This bill carries forward FY24 spending levels for both COPS grants and Byrne JAG grants to support state and local law enforcement. Claims that the COPS Program has been defunded to zero are categorically false. Republicans remain dedicated to ensuring public safety.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

A vote against the CR is a vote to shut down the government and harm the American people. Soon, the Democrats' true intention will be clear: they'd rather risk a shutdown to use as leverage than fully fund our government with a clean CR.