



APPROPRIATIONS

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THE FINAL FOUR: COMPLETING FISCAL YEAR 2026

*Defense; Homeland; Labor, Health and Human Services, Education; and Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development*

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Delivering core tenets of American strength: combat-ready forces, secure communities, effective education and health systems, and modern transportation.

Providing for the Common Defense: A weak America allows adversaries, dictators, and terrorists to grow stronger – just like we saw during four years of the weak Biden Administration. Our Defense Appropriations bill invests in American superiority to ensure the United States remains the preeminent superpower on Earth.

- We are enhancing investments in our military equipment – like 5th and 6th generation aircraft and modernizing our nuclear triad: the B-21 Raider, the Columbia Class Submarine, and Sentinel.
- Day-to-day readiness is essential for our military to be nimble and effective. Our bill robustly funds training, exercises, maritime activities, flying hours, equipment maintenance, and base operations to ensure our warfighters are always ready to defend our nation.
- Modernizing our naval fleet is a top priority – this bill funds 17 new ships, including one Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine, two Virginia-class fast attack submarines, and one TAGOS SURTASS ship for anti-submarine warfare.
- This bill includes funding for hundreds of new combat vehicles, tanks, and ammunition support vehicles.
- Combatting adversaries like China must remain top-of-mind. Republicans are maximizing production of munitions that will be necessary to win critical conflicts.
- Republicans are strengthening missile defense and space programs in support of the Golden Dome effort to best protect our homeland from airborne attack.
- The Department of Defense provides critical support to our nation’s counter-drug trafficking efforts. This bill strengthens those efforts to get deadly drugs off our streets.
- Critical Race Theory and DEI programs do nothing to protect our nation or strengthen our warfighters. Our bill supports Trump Administration policies to prohibit these programs at the Department of Defense that only aim to further divide our warfighters, who must operate in precise unity.
- Republicans continue to uphold the pro-life values the American people support with long-held protections against taxpayer funding of abortion-related travel.



Taking Care of the Troops: The men and women who serve this country deserve the best care and support. Republicans are taking care of our troops and their families with robust funding, support, and resources.

- This bill provides a 3.8% pay raise for servicemembers.
- Constantly uprooting your life and moving to new duty stations is disruptive to military families. This bill supports the Trump Administration's priority to reduce Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves to improve quality of life.
- Civilian employees at the Department of Defense will see a 1% pay raise, as directed by President Trump.
- Innovation efforts are prioritized in this legislation – which will help to drive down costs.
- Military family quality of life is a priority for both President Trump and Secretary Hegseth. Republicans are aligning funding with that mission to ensure that military spouses and families have as much support and stability as possible.

Keeping Americans Moving: Transportation should be safe and efficient – whether you're flying across the country or just running errands. Republicans are strengthening public transportation, enhancing security measures, and making sure that public resources actually benefit the public.

- COVID-19 mask mandates were ineffective and just plain wrong – Republicans are prohibiting the Department of Transportation from enforcing mask mandates on public transportation in the future.
- The American Security Drone Act of 2023 bans drones from China or other hostile nations, but it's not strictly enforced. This legislation strengthens those protections and enforces the laws already on the books to protect Americans from CCP spyware.
- Republicans are boosting resources for the FAA to hire and train 2,500 new air traffic controllers.
- Republicans are boosting funds to help build and maintain our highways, ensuring our roads are the best in the world.

Rebuilding America: While the Biden Administration spent billions on “green” projects that never saw the light of day, Republicans are spending tax dollars on real infrastructure projects that help Americans.

- The United States needs the most modern, safe and efficient transportation system in the world.
- House Republicans are ensuring that next-generation systems and technologies are implemented to modernize our cities and keep Americans moving.



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- Bureaucratic bloat delays new projects and creates an extraordinary amount of unnecessary work. Republicans are codifying DOGE recommendations to reduce the federal bureaucracy at the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development by 29%.
- Biden-era “green” projects and energy-inefficient spending are canceled, including electric vehicle charging and high-speed rail. Republicans are focusing on real needs, real progress, and real results.
- Critical funding for housing development will ensure that communities are able to keep up with growth – including special funding for Housing for the Elderly and Housing for Persons with Disabilities.

Uncuffing the Administration: Republicans are cutting red tape and reducing bureaucratic bloat across the federal government, giving the Trump Administration the strongest possible position to enact the America First agenda.

- This legislation blocks Democrat attempts to handcuff DOGE or reverse any of the government downsizing efforts.
- There are **no** mandates to restrict President Trump’s authority, a priority Democrats were intent on. We would never support measures that restrain execution of the agenda the American people elected us to implement.
- We’re ending Biden Administration priorities that bloated our bureaucracy and supercharged the government.
- President Trump and his Cabinet have been innovating across the government – our funding encourages more out-of-the-box solutions and new ideas to modernize our government.
- Across the board, staffing levels are cut to reflect the rightsizing of the federal bureaucracy and the Trump Administration’s recent staffing reductions.
- Republicans are clawing back the funds the Biden Administration intended for the IRS to expand auditing of everyday Americans, ensuring the IRS stays focused on their core mission.
- Funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting was cut – ensuring no taxpayer dollars flow to NPR or PBS.

Protecting Our Borders: After four years of Biden’s Border Crisis, Republicans are putting Americans’ safety first. We are fully funding the Trump Administration’s work to restore law and order, secure our borders, and deport criminal aliens.

- The Biden Administration prioritized programs that allowed illegal immigrants to disappear into the interior of the country – we are ending those programs and increasing resources to find and deport those who have no legal basis to be here.



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- Republicans are realigning DHS around its fundamental mission: defending the nation against the threat posed by terrorists, criminals, and foreign adversaries.
- Open borders and minimal enforcement of existing laws allowed record levels of fentanyl to enter our country and be spread to communities across the nation. Republicans are enhancing resources to detect drugs at points of entry and counter the spread into American communities.
- DEI initiatives are costly, distracting, inefficient, and do nothing to support the mission of border security. Republicans are eliminating woke Biden-era programs that pull resources away from the true work of our immigration enforcement officers.
- Organizations and programs who facilitated or encouraged illegal immigration efforts are getting cut off.
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will see nearly a \$485 million dollar increase over FY24 for alien custody and detention operations.
- To keep our roads and highways safe, this bill requires truckers to comply with English proficiency requirements.
- In alignment with Republican priorities, this bill prevents illegal immigrants from accessing taxpayer-funded housing assistance.

Putting Safety First: Americans deserve to know that their families are safe in their country – at their airports, on their highways, at events, and in their own homes.

- Republicans are increasing support for law enforcement to combat drugs, human trafficking, and child exploitation.
- With major international events like the FIFA World Cup, the 2028 Olympic Games, and the upcoming America 250 celebration, millions of Americans and international visitors will be flocking to American cities and events. They deserve to know they will be safe to celebrate.
- We are investing in disaster preparedness, making sure our firefighters and first responders are ready to respond to any threat.
- Investments in airport security technology will give Americans peace of mind when they fly.
- Critical funding for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) will help counter increasing cyber threats from adversaries like China.
- A strong police presence is a deterrence to violent crime. This legislation stops Amtrak from decreasing the number of police patrolling stations.
- Following unprecedented levels of threats against President Trump, his family, and members of his cabinet, Republicans are boosting funds for the U.S. Secret Service to keep our government leaders safe.



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Make America Healthy Again: Thanks to the historic work of President Trump and Secretary Kennedy, Americans are taking control of their health and what they put in their bodies. Republicans are supporting that effort with funding that prioritizes healthy choices.

- Secretary Kennedy's Food is Medicine initiative has resonated with millions – and Republicans are providing that program with dedicated funding to continue educating the American people on the food they eat.
- Republicans are prioritizing funding for rural health, including support for rural hospitals, helping Americans in rural communities access critical care.
- The health workforce will receive strong support from this bill, connecting skilled health care providers to rural communities and other underserved areas.
- During the pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made decisions that led to a loss of faith from the American people. To help realign the CDC with their stated mission, Republicans are cutting funding by \$19 million.
- This bill increases funding for mental health – a crisis that has contributed to increased substance abuse, community violence, social isolation, and radicalization.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will maintain current funding levels to ensure these programs are providing high quality care.
- Republicans are attacking fraud and waste in health spending, investing in programs that investigate and combat fraud and abuse in federal healthcare programs.

Make America Skilled Again: The modern workforce looks different than it did 20 years ago. Republicans are funding initiatives that educate and prepare students for future workforce needs.

- This bill supports apprenticeship programs that help develop sought-after skills for reliable, high-paying jobs.
- A college degree isn't necessary to lead a successful life. Career and technical education programs are important alternatives to woke, expensive four-year universities. This bill invests in those alternative education opportunities, including \$285 million for the apprenticeship program to meet the Trump Administration's goal of one million new active apprentices.
- To support the Trump Administration's work at the Department of Education, Republicans are cutting \$24 million from DoE's bloated bureaucracy.
- In support of school choice and alternative education initiatives, Republicans are providing \$500 million for charter schools in this bill.
- Aligning with President Trump's White House Initiative to Promote Excellence and Innovation at HBCUs, this bill increases funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.



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- Republicans are increasing funding for the Special Olympics and giving an additional \$20 million to existing accounts for special education.
- This bill includes \$335 million for the Veterans' Employment and Training Administration, supporting our nation's heroes with stronger assistance as they transition from active duty to civilian life.

For more information on this week's minibuss, here are more resources:

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 – H.R. 7148:

Defense

Bill Summary

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

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Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Bill Summary

Community Project Funding

Department of Homeland Security Appropriation Act, 2026 – H.R. 7147:

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