



FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL

The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill provides net new spending of \$58.676 billion for programs under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee, which is \$23.765 billion below the FY23 enacted level. The bill provides a non-defense discretionary total of \$52.383 billion, which is \$31.964 billion below the FY24 President's Budget Request and \$23.527 billion below the FY23 enacted level, and a defense discretionary total of \$6.293 billion, which is \$238 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$678.1 million below the FY24 President's Budget Request.

The bill reins in the Washington bureaucracy by right-sizing agencies and programs and directs that funding to support the fight against fentanyl and efforts to counter the People's Republic of China. Importantly, the bill utilizes the power of the purse to address the weaponization of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and bring an end to the overreach of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

TOP LINE MESSAGING

- Ends the abuses of power at the Department of Justice (DOJ) by:
 - Holding the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) accountable for targeting everyday Americans by cutting its budget and mandating critical reforms;
 - Reversing anti-Second Amendment overreach by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) by defunding the ATF's rules on pistol braces and privately made firearms;
 - Defunding Attorney General Garland's October 4, 2021, memorandum to the FBI that targets parents speaking out at school board meetings;
 - Defunding Executive Order 14092, which calls for an assault weapons ban; and
 - Defunding efforts to federalize state and local policing practices.
- Reins in wasteful bureaucracy and enhances oversight and accountability by:
 - Ensuring state and local law enforcement resources are used as intended, not to promote progressive ideologies;
 - Eliminating more than 70 unnecessary and wasteful programs; and
 - Consolidating Department of Justice grant accounts and increasing oversight of these grant programs and funds.
- Prioritizes our national security and supports state and local law enforcement by:
 - Rejecting the Administration's request to halt reimbursements to law enforcement for the costs of incarcerating unauthorized criminal aliens;
 - Mandating that the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) reinstate case completion performance metrics to increase immigration adjudications and hold immigration judges accountable;

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- Maintaining strong support for law enforcement by preserving robust funding for Byrne JAG formula grants and COPS Hiring grants that assist state and local law enforcement agencies; and
- Focusing Department of Justice grant funding on programs that assist law enforcement in addressing the opioid crisis, eliminating the rape kit backlog, and preventing school violence, while ensuring this limited funding is used as intended.
- Counters the flow of fentanyl and other opioids by:
 - Providing funding above the President’s Budget Request for both the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Forces to enhance multi-agency efforts to combat transnational organized crime and reduce the availability of illicit drugs.
- Counters China and maintains America’s competitive edge by:
 - Mandating re-establishment of DOJ’s China Initiative;
 - Supporting the American research enterprise to counter China’s increasing investments in basic research and technology development;
 - Investing in emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, quantum, and advanced manufacturing;
 - Supporting the critical Artemis program to advance American leadership in Space and counter China’s malign ambitions; and
 - Protecting U.S. research from Chinese theft by supporting the NSF’s Office of Research Security Strategy and Policy and Office of Inspector General.



BILL HIGHLIGHTS

Cuts to Wasteful Spending

- Eliminates more than 70 unnecessary and wasteful programs and initiatives, including 14 polarizing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) offices and programs.
- Defunds at least 15 Executive Orders, rules, memoranda, and other Biden Administration policies that usurp Congressional authority.
- Reduces wasteful spending on climate change initiatives.
- Prevents the FBI from using its construction balances to build a new headquarters.
- Rejects the Administration's plans to replace Department of Commerce and Department of Justice (DOJ) vehicle fleets with electric vehicles, saving taxpayers nearly \$54 million.

Conservative Priorities

- Preserves Second Amendment rights by maintaining all legacy firearms riders and adding new provisions that strengthen Second Amendment protections.
- Includes the long-standing Hyde-like prohibition that prevents the use of DOJ funds to pay for abortion.
- Reduces funding for certain DOJ litigating components in response to DOJ's abuse of the FACE Act.
- Combats child exploitation by bolstering funds to combat these crimes.
- Eliminates progressive grant programs that support criminal leniency.
- Reinstates cost-shares for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program and Coastal Zone Management grants.
- Protects Americans against religious discrimination.
- Reforms the FBI by:
 - Prohibiting funds from being used to conduct a politically sensitive investigation until the DOJ establishes a policy requiring nonpartisan career staff to oversee such investigations; and
 - Mandating that FBI interviews be recorded.
- Prohibits DOJ from censoring lawful speech or classifying speech as misinformation.

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DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

Title I - Department of Commerce

Provides a discretionary total of \$9.619 billion for the Department of Commerce, which is \$1.437 billion (13%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$ 2.741 billion below the President's Budget Request.

- **International Trade Administration:** Provides \$558 million for the International Trade Administration, which is \$55 million (9%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$154.8 million (22%) below the President's Budget Request.
- **Bureau of Industry and Security:** Provides \$191 million for the Bureau of Industry and Security, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$31 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **Economic Development Administration:** Provides \$254.5 million for the Economic Development Administration, which is \$243.5 million (49%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$549.5 million below the President's Budget Request.
 - Responsibly invests in the authorized Regional Technology Hubs program, which aims to spur economic growth by increasing distressed regions' capacity to manufacture, commercialize, and deploy critical technologies.
- **Economic and Statistical Analysis:** Provides \$116 million for Economic and Statistical Analysis, which is equal to the FY22 enacted level, \$14 million (11%) below the FY23 enacted level, and \$38 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **Bureau of the Census:** Provides \$1.354 billion for the Bureau of the Census, which is \$131 million (10%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$252 million below the President's Budget Request.
 - Provides \$300 million for Current Surveys and Programs, which is equal to the FY22 enacted level.
 - Provides \$1.054 billion for Periodic Censuses and Programs, which is equal to the FY22 enacted level.
- **National Telecommunications and Information Administration:** Provides \$54 million for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, which is \$8 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$56 million below the President's Budget Request.
- **U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:** Provides \$4.196 billion for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which is \$58 million below the FY23 enacted level and equal to the President's Budget Request.

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- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST):** Provides \$1.477 billion for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which is \$150 million (9.5%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$155 million below the President’s Budget Request, to responsibly support programs that bolster American innovation and manufacturing.

 - Provides \$1.02 billion for Scientific and Technical Research and Services, which is an increase of \$66.9 million (7%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$25 million above the President’s Budget Request.
 - Increases funding for Industrial Technology Services to \$237 million, which is \$25 million (12%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$138 million below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Provides \$200 million for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), which is \$25 million (14%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$77 million below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Maintains the Manufacturing USA program at \$37 million, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$60.7 million below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Reinstates a cost-share requirement for the MEP.
 - Provides \$220 million for NIST Construction of Research Facilities, which is \$242.3 million (52%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$42 million below the President’s Budget Request.

- **Minority Business Development Agency:** Provides \$55 million for the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), which is \$15 million (21%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$55 million below the President’s Budget Request.

- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:** Provides \$5.431 billion for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is \$771 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$1.376 billion below the President’s Budget Request.

 - Includes \$3.727 billion for NOAA Operations, Research, and Facilities, which is \$770.7 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$114 million below the FY22 enacted level.
 - Maintains funding for NOAA procurement, acquisition, and construction at the FY23 enacted level, which is \$19 million below the FY22 enacted level and \$486 million below the President’s Budget Request.

- **Departmental Management:** Provides \$80 million for the Department of Commerce Departmental Management, which is \$15 million (16%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$45.3 million below the President’s Budget Request.

- **Office of Inspector General:** Provides \$49.6 million for the Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General, which is \$1.6 million (3%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$3.7 million below the President’s Budget Request.



Title II - Department of Justice

Provides a discretionary total of \$36.084 billion for the Department of Justice, which is \$2.064 billion (5%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$4.875 billion below the President's Budget Request.

- **General Administration:** Provides \$113 million for General Administration, Salaries and Expenses, which is \$32 million (22%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$99.5 million (47%) below the President's Budget Request.
- **Justice Information Sharing Technology:** Provides \$38 million for Justice Information Sharing Technology, which is \$100 million (72%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$155.6 million (80%) below the President's Budget Request.
- **Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR):** Provides \$760 million for the Executive Office of Immigration Review, which is \$100 million (12%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$695.3 million (48%) below the President's Budget Request.
- **Office of Inspector General:** Provides \$142 million for the Office of Inspector General, which is \$3 million (2%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$19.6 million (12%) below the President's Budget Request.
 - Provides for a transfer of no less than 0.4% of FY24 funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, and Community Oriented Policing Services to support additional audits and oversight of Department of Justice grant programs.
- **United States Parole Commission:** Provides \$14.2 million for the salaries and expenses of the United States Parole Commission, which is \$353,000 (2%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$866,000 (6%) below the President's Budget Request.
- **General Legal Activities:** Provides \$938.5 million for General Legal Activities, which is \$199.5 million (18%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$406.2 million (30%) below the President's Budget Request.
- **Antitrust Division:** Provides \$192.8 million for the Antitrust Division (ATR). This appropriation is offset by estimated pre-merger filing fee collections. The recommendation is \$32.2 million (14%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$132 million (41%) below the President's Budget Request.
- **United States Attorneys:** Provides \$2.312 billion for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys and the 94 United States Attorneys' offices, which is \$320 million (12%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$558.4 million (19%) below the President's Budget Request.

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- **United States Trustee System Fund:** Provides \$239 million for the United States Trustee Program, which is \$16 million (6%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$37.8 million (14%) below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Foreign Claims Settlement Commission:** Provides \$2.5 million for the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, which is equal to FY23 enacted level and \$106,000 (4%) below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Assets Forfeiture Fund:** Provides \$20.5 million for the Assets Forfeiture Fund, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and the President’s Budget Request.
- **United States Marshals Service, Salaries and Expenses:** Provides \$1.716 billion for the salaries and expenses of the United States Marshals Service, which is \$10.7 million (1%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$208.8 million (11%) below the President’s Budget Request.
- **United States Marshals Service, Construction:** Provides \$15 million for United States Marshals Service, Construction, which is \$3 million (17%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$9.3 million (38%) below the President’s Budget Request.
- **United States Marshals Service, Federal Prisoner Detention:** Provides \$2.126 billion for Federal Prisoner Detention, which is \$4 million below the FY23 enacted level and equal to the President’s Budget Request.
- **National Security Division:** Provides \$120.7 million for the salaries and expenses of the National Security Division, which is \$12.8 million (10%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$24 million (17%) below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Forces:** Provides \$555.5 million for Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Forces, which is \$5 million (1%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$5 million (1%) above the President’s Budget Request, to enhance multi-agency efforts to combat transnational organized crime and reduce the availability of illicit drugs.

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- **Federal Bureau of Investigation:** Provides \$10.276 billion for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which is \$1.052 billion (9%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$1.11 billion (10%) below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Reduces FBI salaries and expenses by \$400 million (4%), which is below the FY23 enacted level and \$1.048 billion below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Prevents the FBI from developing a new headquarters building in the National Capitol Region by limiting its use of existing construction balances to sustainment of the J. Edgar Hoover Building.
 - Reforms the FBI by prohibiting funds from being used to:
 - Conduct a politically sensitive investigation until DOJ establishes a policy requiring non-partisan career staff to oversee such investigations;
 - Pay the salary of any employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower or suppressed an employee’s First Amendment rights;
 - Conduct an interview unless that interview is recorded;
 - Classify any communication as misinformation or censor lawful speech; and
 - Pay the salary of any federal employee who fails to comply with a congressional subpoena.

- **Drug Enforcement Administration:** Provides a direct appropriation of \$2.76 billion for the salaries and expenses of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). In addition, DEA expects to derive \$620 million from fees deposited in the Diversion Control Fund to carry out the Diversion Control Program, resulting in \$3.381 billion in total spending authority for DEA. The recommendation is \$197.81 million (8%) more than the FY23 enacted level and \$100 million (4%) more than the President’s Budget Request.
 - Includes a transfer of \$50 million to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for local grants to investigate activities related to the distribution of methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl and fentanyl analogs, and the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.

- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives:** Provides \$1.531 billion for the salaries and expenses of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), which is \$140.93 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$344.39 million below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Prohibits the use of funds to enforce the ATF’s rules on pistol braces and privately made firearms.
 - Addresses the ATF’s harassment of Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) while ensuring it stays focused on its mission of serving the industries it regulates.
 - Conditions ATF funding on meaningful reductions in National Firearms Act processing times.
 - Incorporates new restrictions to address ATF overreach and eliminate wasteful and potentially unlawful programs and activities at the agency.

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- **Bureau of Prisons, Salaries and Expenses:** Provides \$8.493 billion for the salaries and expenses of the Federal Prison System, which is \$100 million (1%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$151.7 million (2%) below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Rejects the request to rescind funding for a new Federal Correctional Institute in Letcher, Kentucky.
- **Bureau of Prisons, Buildings and Facilities:** Provides \$273 million for BOP Buildings and Facilities, which is \$17 million (6%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$93.24 million (52%) above the President’s Budget Request.
- **Office on Violence Against Women:** Provides \$700 million for the Office on Violence Against Women, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$300 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Office of Justice Programs:** Provides \$2.697 billion for the Office of Justice Programs, which is \$375 million (12%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$861 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Community Oriented Policing Services:** \$670.6 million for Community Oriented Policing Services, which is \$7.7 million (1%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$19.6 million above the President’s Budget Request.

Title III – Science

Provides a discretionary total of \$35.003 billion for Science, which is \$1.138 billion (3%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$3.546 billion below the President’s Budget Request.

- **Office of Science and Technology Policy:** Provides \$5.5 million for the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), which is \$2.4 million (44%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$2.7 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **National Space Council:** Provides \$1.9 million for the National Space Council (NSC), which is \$100,000 (5.3%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$153,000 below the President’s Budget Request.
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration:** Provides \$ 25.366 billion for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which is \$350 million (1.3%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$1.8 billion below the President’s Budget Request.

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- **National Science Foundation:** Increases funding for the National Science Foundation to \$9.63 billion an increase of \$791 million (9%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$1.725 billion below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Includes \$7.9 billion for Research and Related Activities, an increase of \$846 million (12%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$1.151 billion below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Includes \$254 million for Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction an increase of \$66.8 million (36%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$50.7 million below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Includes \$1.006 billion for the STEM Directorate, which is \$148 million (13%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$490 million below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Provides \$472 million for Agency Operations and Award Management, which is an increase of \$24 million (5%) above the FY23 enacted level and \$31.9 million below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Includes \$4.6 million for the National Science Board, which is \$490,000 (9.6%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$650,000 below the President’s Budget Request.
 - Provides \$26.8 million for the Office of Inspector General, which is \$3.4 million (14.6%) above the FY23 enacted level and equal to the President’s Budget Request.

Title IV – Related Agencies

Provides a discretionary total of \$1.126 billion for Related Agencies, which is \$114 million (9%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$389 million below the President’s Budget Request.

- **Commission on Civil Rights:** Provides \$13 million for the Commission on Civil Rights, which is \$1.4 million (10%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$2.6 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission:** Provides \$420 million for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which is \$35 million (8.3%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$61 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **International Trade Commission:** Provides \$122.4 million for the International Trade Commission, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$5 million (4%) below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Legal Services Corporation:** Provides \$489 million for the Legal Services Corporation, which is \$71 million (12.7%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$311 million below the President’s Budget Request.

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- **Office of the United States Trade Representative:** Provides \$71 million for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$6.9 million (9%) below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Marine Mammal Commission:** Provides \$4.2 million for the Marine Mammal Commission, which is \$300,000 (7%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$840,000 below the President’s Budget Request.
- **State Justice Institute:** Provides \$5.9 million for the State Justice Institute, which is \$1.7 million (22%) below the FY23 enacted level and \$1.7 million below the President’s Budget Request.

Community Project Funding

Includes \$600 million in Community Project Funding for 683 projects requested by 281 Members.