

# APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS

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## Democrats Eliminate Every Single Extreme Republican Policy Rider from Appropriations Package

President Trump and Republicans in Congress sought to attach over 140 extreme policy provisions to the fiscal year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment appropriations package. **Democrats successfully eliminated every single rider from the final package**, blocking efforts to weaken gun safety regulations, expand oil and gas leasing on public lands, curtail investments in renewable energy, and impose cruel culture-war constraints on LGBTQ+ Americans' freedom to live their lives as their authentic selves.

### Commerce, Justice, Science

- Eliminates the requirement for licensed firearm dealers to report to the Department of Justice (DOJ) on the sales of multiple rifles or shotguns to the same individual
- Forbids the implementation, enforcement, and legal defense of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' (ATF) Frame or Receiver firearm Final rule aimed at regulating ghost guns, a weapon of choice for criminals
- Blocks administration and enforcement of Executive Order 14092, "Reducing Gun Violence and Making Our Communities Safer" issued by President Biden on March 14, 2023
- Bars the implementation of any measure, regulation, or guidance issued or finalized by the ATF after January 21, 2021, effectively blocking many of the Biden Administration's current and future efforts to reduce gun violence
- Blocks implementation of the ATF's Stabilizing Brace Final rule
- Blocks funding for gun buyback or relinquishment programs
- Requires notification and hearing opportunities for gun owners prior to the confiscation of a firearm—effectively jeopardizing law enforcement
- Blocks funding for implementation of red flag laws or extreme risk protection orders

- Prohibits funding to study, prepare, propose, or adopt any future administrative or executive actions for the purpose of restricting the production, purchase, sale, or transfer of any firearm unless expressly authorized by Congress
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act from being used for a firearms registry, which would impede law enforcement from investigating crimes involving the most dangerous firearms
- Prohibits funds to advise, promote, or otherwise support any civil actions to which the ATF is not a named party against any person purported to be subject to the regulation and oversight of the ATF
- Blocks funding for ATF's Demand 2 program, which increases oversight of gun dealers who have an especially high number of their guns used in crimes within three years after sale, unless the program's reporting thresholds are modified to weaken those efforts
- Prohibits funds from being used to classify, tax, or register any firearm with an attached stabilizing brace (like the one used in a Nashville school shooting in 2023) or other similar brace or rearward attachment, or to direct any other law enforcement or regulatory entity to conduct such actions
- Prohibits funding to implement a Bureau of Industry and Security interim final rule titled "Revision of Firearms License Requirements" which sought to restrict exports of firearms to non-governmental entities in high risk countries
- Weakens the efficacy of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)
- Prohibits funding for a rule that more clearly defines who is and is not a firearms dealer and thus subject to regulation under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act
- Weakens the ATF's ability to revoke or suspend licenses of firearms dealers engaged in unlawful conduct, reducing community safety
- Prohibits funds to record, or maintain a recording of, any record delivered to the Attorney General by a Federal Firearms Licensee who is going out of business
- Prohibits funds from being used for the Out of Business Records Imaging System Database maintained by ATF
- Prevents the disbursement of funds in this Act to any state, district, territory, or possession of the United States which does not allow the carry of a concealed firearm by persons licensed or permitted to do so in any other state, district, territory, or possession of the U.S. Further, this provision would prevent disbursement to any state or local entity

which has any financial or training requirements for obtaining a concealed carry permit

- Permanently prohibits CJS funds from being used to impose a user fee or processing fee with respect to any function, mission, or activity of ATF that is not already charged as of October 1, 2025
- Permanently prohibits CJS funds from being used to: (1) enforce the National Firearms Act (NFA) regarding any firearm for which the NFA tax is \$0 pursuant to the Big Ugly Bill (i.e., silencers and short-barreled rifles and shotguns); (2) investigate, prosecute, or otherwise pursue any criminal or civil action, including the imposition of an NFA penalty, for silencers and short-barreled rifles and shotguns; and (3) permanently ensures that no Federal, state, or local law can be applied, with respect to silencers and short-barreled rifles and shotguns
- Withholds at least 60 percent of the ATF budget unless processing times for National Firearms Act applications do not exceed 120 for paper applications and 60 days for electronic applications, creating a vicious circle as the withholding of funds would make meeting these arbitrary deadlines more difficult (ATF appropriating paragraph)
- Prohibits funding for a rule designed to help alleviate the immigration court backlog
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act to develop or implement any regulation, policy, or practice regarding categorical administrative closure, dismissal, or termination of cases in immigration court
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act for legal representation of aliens in removal proceedings, conflicting with existing court orders and the principle of due process
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this act to incentivize any immigration judge to close or dismiss immigration cases without adjudicating the merits of the case
- Prohibits the use of State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grants to restrict the sharing of individual citizenship status information between Federal, State and local government entities and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Prohibits the use of funds to include undocumented immigrants in the Decennial Census apportionment determinations
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act to pay any settlements related to civil actions brought by undocumented immigrants against the United States, in violation of the Equal Access to Justice Act

- Prohibits funding in this or any other Act from being used to sue any State for violating the Rivers and Harbors Act for implementing border security measures
- Prohibits funds for DOJ from being used to pay costs or fees, incurred by an alien who entered the U.S. in violation of sections 275(a) and 276(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, in connection with any proceeding or adjudication initiated under such Act. This would violate the Equal Access to Justice Act, which requires DOJ to pay court fees in a case in which it does not prevail
- Prohibits funding to implement a DOJ memo addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act or any other Act for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, training, programs, offices, officers, policies, or other executive agency functions
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act for diversity, equity, inclusion, critical race theory, implicit bias, unconscious bias, or culturally relevant teachings for Federal employees
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act for any activity that utilizes, promotes, or advances Critical Race Theory
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this or any other Act to investigate, litigate, or advocate against individuals who define sex to mean biological sex as determined by the type of gamete an individual produces
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this or any other Act to recruit, hire, promote, or retain a person based on the person's race, national origin, sex, or religion
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this or any other Act for sex-altering surgeries in Federally owned or leased facilities
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act to sue a State or local government over any law protecting single sex sports, single sex facilities, or limiting transgender medical procedures, or to intervene or file an amicus brief in such a case
- Creates special protections for those who believe that marriage should be recognized as a union of one man and one woman
- Prohibits funds made available under this Act from being used to classify or facilitate the classification of any communications by a United States person as mis-, dis-, or malinformation
- Prohibits funds made available by this Act to enforce any Covid-19 vaccine mandates or passports
- Prohibits the Federal Bureau of Prisons from assigning an individual to a facility that does not correspond to such individual's biological sex

- Prohibits funding to implement an Executive Order requiring federal employees be vaccinated against the Coronavirus, exposing the federal workforce to a higher likelihood of illness
- Prohibits funding for any social, psychological, behavioral, or medical intervention to intentionally change the body of an individual to no longer correspond to the individual's biological sex
- Prohibits the use of DOJ funds by the Antitrust Division to enforce or implement certain pre merger notification rules
- Prohibits DOJ funds from being used to work with the relevant European Union, United Kingdom, or People's Republic of China regulatory bodies on any merger review, investigation, or enforcement action
- Gives the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky original and exclusive jurisdiction over claims arising from actions taken by DOJ that are necessary for the construction of the proposed federal prison in Letcher County, Kentucky
- Prohibits funds for the Foreign Influence Task Force for monitoring or labeling constitutionally protected speech by a US person as mis-, dis-, or malinformation
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act for settlements that require the defendants to donate or contribute funds to an organization or individual
- Prohibits funds made available from this Act from being used by DOJ to discourage employees of the United States Marshals Service from enforcing a law that bans certain forms of peaceful protest
- Prohibits use of funds to reschedule or de-schedule marijuana
- Prohibits the use of funds under this Act to implement restrictions regarding the South Atlantic Snapper Grouper Fishery aimed at reducing overfishing, until a third-party scientific review is conducted
- Prohibits funding for the National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST) Center of Excellence in Climate Change
- Prohibits funding for climate change fisheries research under the Commerce Department
- Prohibits National Science Foundation (NSF) funding for the U.S. Global Change Research Program or the Clean Energy Technology Program
- Prohibits the use of funds under this Act for the promotion of or any contributions to Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) investments
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this or any other Act for an Office of Environmental Justice
- Prohibits the use of funds to enforce the Commerce Department's September 2022 rule relating to the suspension of duties on solar

panels from the People's Republic of China and a few southeast Asian countries

- Blocks, pending a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study, the issuance of certain permits for activities related to offshore wind energy development
- Prohibits funds for the implementation of rules or guidance on climate change as a direct response to data cited by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) "Billions Project"
- Prohibits funds for any regulation that would impose a requirement for certain large fishing vessels to pay a fee for any costs associated with the electronic monitoring of such vessel
- Prohibits funding in this Act from being used to enforce any new (since January 2021) vessel speed restrictions related to the Rice's whale, an extremely endangered species with fewer than 100 individuals remaining
- Prohibits funding in this Act from being used to enforce any new (since January 2021) vessel speed restrictions related to the North Atlantic Right Whale, an extremely endangered species with approximately 380 individuals remaining
- Prohibits funding for NOAA to implement a rule to protect the Rice's whale's habitat
- Prohibits funds in this Act for oyster restoration, recovery, reef construction, habitat enhancement, or other related activities in the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries unless oysters planted with such funds are made eligible for managed commercial harvest by licensed watermen with three years of planting
- Prohibits funds in this Act for oyster restoration, recovery, or enhancement activities in the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries at any site that has been designated as underperforming for five or more years following initial federal investment, unless the Commerce Secretary certifies that the site has a new, independently conducted and peer reviewed restoration plan that demonstrates a high likelihood of meeting significant ecological or economic outcomes within 2 years of the enactment of this provision
- Prohibits Coastal Zone Management Act grant funds in this act from being used to block wildfire and timber production, energy production, housing construction, or military related activities under the Endangered Species Act
- Prohibits the use of funds under this act for the DOJ's Reproductive Rights Task Force

- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act to sue a State or local government over abortion laws
- Prohibits the use of funds in this Act to implement a federal rule under the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which would require reasonable accommodation for elective abortion
- Prohibits the use of funds made available by this or any other Act to implement or enforce an Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) memo that promotes access to and transparency of federally funded research, including the timely publication of research findings, data, and methods
- Prohibits funds made available by this Act from being used for the operations or expenses of any Federal employee union
- Prohibits the use of funds to finalize, implement, or enforce certain Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) guidance designed to reduce workplace harassment and strengthen accountability when it does take place
- Prohibits funds to enforce involuntary compliance, or to inquire more than twice for voluntary compliance with any survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census, reducing the accuracy of Census data

## **Interior and Environment**

- Prohibits funding for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training or implementation
- Prohibits funding for critical race theory
- Creates protections for those who discriminate against marriages other than between a man and a woman
- Prohibits funding for the Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska rule, which strengthens protections for Alaskan wildlife
- Prohibits funding for Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment or Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Rangewide Planning
- Prohibits the use of funds that would prevent the use of lead ammunition or tackle on federal lands and waters available for hunting or fishing
- Prohibits use of funds for implementing or enforcing a rule that protects the Lesser Prairie Chicken
- Prohibits funds for implementing a rule regarding Northern Long-eared bats
- Directs the Secretary of the Interior to reissue Gray Wolf delisting rule

- Prohibits listing the North American Wolverine under the Endangered Species Act
- Prohibits funding for the North Cascades Grizzly Bear Ecosystem Restoration Plan
- Prohibits funding for Endangered Species Act rule regarding captively held fish
- Prohibits funding to allow bison to be introduced in the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge
- Requires the Interior Secretary to reissue a redundant order that purports to improve transparency but does not, while hampering the Department's ability to do its job
- Prohibits funding for the Bureau of Land Management Conservation and Landscape Health rule
- Prohibits funding for management of Grand Staircases Escalante National Monument except in compliance with Record of Decision and February 2020 Resource Management Plan
- Requires the Department of Interior to issue a final rule from the Trump Administration regarding the Endangered Species Act
- Prohibition of funds for housing migrants
- Requires oil and gas lease sales in the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, the Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, and in the Alaska region
- Requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct quarterly onshore oil and gas lease sales
- Prohibits funding to implement the Ten Day Notices and Corrective Action for State Regulatory Program Issues rule
- Prevents listing Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Population of Grizzly Bears
- Blocks funds for the National Park Service to designate or manage Florida's Big Cypress National Preserve as wilderness, preventing stronger protections
- Blocks funding to enforce Public Land Order 7917, weakening pollution protections in Superior National Forest
- Prohibits funding to consider the Social Cost of Carbon
- Restricts the Department's ability to protect federal lands from certain potentially damaging uses unless authorized by an Act of Congress (Land Withdrawal)
- Prohibits funding for the Federal Good Neighbor Plan for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards, weakening air quality protections

- Prohibits funding for a federal rule related to clean power, weakening emissions protections (Clean Power Plan)
- Prohibits funding for a federal rule regarding greenhouse gas emissions for light and medium-duty vehicles
- Prohibits funding for a federal rule regarding greenhouse gas emissions for heavy-duty vehicles
- Prohibits funding for a rule that would improve water quality certification under the Clean Water Act
- Prohibits funding for a rule regulating greenhouse gas emissions from the oil and natural gas sectors
- Prohibits funding for a rule regarding Greenhouse Gas Reporting processes
- Prohibits funding for a rule regarding water pollution from meat and poultry products
- Prohibits funding for a rule regarding the disposal of coal combustion residuals (leftover coal ash)
- Prohibits funding that would prevent the use of aerially applied fire retardants, exposing communities and wildlife to toxic chemicals
- Prohibits funding to implement a California regulation classifying metal shredding facilities as hazardous waste treatment facilities
- Repeals the methane emissions fee and prohibits funding to regulate methane emissions under Section 136 of the Clean Air Act
- Codifies the State of Florida's Clean Water Act section 404 program, despite a court ruling blocking their program
- Prohibits funding for a federal rule that strengthens air quality standards for particulate matter
- Prohibits funds to States and federally recognized Indian Tribes for reclamation of abandoned mine lands
- Prohibits funding for federal rules protecting endangered mussels
- Prohibits funds to implement the land protection plan for Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge
- Prohibits funding for a rule governing oil and gas leasing that helps protect wildlife (Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process)
- Prohibits funds to finalize draft sewage and sludge risk assessment for PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic Acid) and PFOS (Perfluorooctane Sulfonate/Sulfonic Acid)
- Prohibits funding to implement a final rule regarding air pollution from new motor vehicles
- Prohibits funding for a rule regarding attainment of federal air quality standards in certain Michigan counties

- Prohibits funds from being used that would restrict certain activities at Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and Lake Eleanor
- Prohibits funds from being used to procure services or equipment with any entity associated with the People's Republic of China
- Prohibits funding for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) chemical assessments under Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)
- Extends provision mandating exhaustion of administrative review regarding challenges to Bureau of Land Management decisions on grazing before bringing a civil action challenging the decision in Federal court
- Prohibits funding to limit use of federal land for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting
- Amends an authorization regarding the use of mining claims for ancillary activities
- Prohibits funds to condition the issuance, renewal, or extension of any Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management permit, lease, allotment, easement, or other land use and occupancy, arrangement or transfer, or relinquishment of certain water rights
- Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to convey National Forest System land located in the County of Riverside, California.
- Prohibits use of funds to revise certain regulations under the Mineral Leasing Act relating to oil and gas development of outstanding and reserved mineral rights in the Allegheny National Forest
- Amends the Thye-Blatnik Act to change language related to appraisals
- Prohibits funds for certain labeling activities that are inconsistent with a human health assessment performed pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), limiting state and local government's ability to update pesticide safety warnings or their ability to regulate the usage of pesticide usage
- Blocks approval of a waiver submitted to the EPA by the State of California under the Clean Air Act for the State's amendments to its rule titled "Small Off Road Engine Regulations: Transition to Zero Emissions"
- Prohibits funds to finalize the proposed interim registration review decision and draft risk assessment addendum that would determine whether ethylene oxide can carry out its intended function without creating unreasonable adverse effects to human health and the environment
- Prohibition of funds to implement several rules related to the Endangered Species Act.

## **Energy and Water Development**

- Allow firearms on Corps of Engineers' public lands.
- Prohibit the Corps of Engineers from renaming items that commemorate the Confederacy.
- Prohibit implementation of "Clean Energy for New Federal Buildings and Major Renovations of Federal Buildings."
- Prohibit funds for private consolidated interim storage of commercial spent nuclear fuel.
- Prohibit funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, training, programs, offices, officers, or policies or any program, project, or activity related to critical race theory.
- Allow for discrimination based on same sex marriage.
- Limit the ability to fly flags at facilities, aimed at eliminating the use of pride flags.
- Prohibit funds from being used to finalize any rule or regulation that has resulted in or is likely to result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more.
- Prohibit funds to classify communications as mis , dis , or mal information