

HOUSE ACCOUNTABILITY WAR ROOM

To: Interested Parties
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RE: Most extreme MAGA funding demands

MAGA extremists are calling the shots in the U.S. House of Representatives and are willing to shut down the government in order to force Congress to pass extreme abortion bans and take away funding for critical programs, from children's cancer research to the Social Security Administration.

A MAGA shutdown would not just hurt millions of Americans – especially working families, veterans, children, and seniors – it is deeply unpopular. [Two in three Americans](#) agree that it's never right to shut down the federal government, with even greater opposition when Republicans are doing it to push their ideological demands.

Despite the stakes, some extremists like Byron Donalds and Eric Burlison have gone as far as to say [they aren't afraid of shutting down the government](#).

These MAGA demands – to shut down the government and slash funding for critical programs – are not empty threats and divisive rhetoric. The extreme MAGA funding demands outlined in this memo are already in appropriations bills, some of which have been voted on.

The threat is real and it is imminent.

Some of the most extreme MAGA demands include:

- 1. Strip support for nutrition assistance to children and vulnerable families** like the SNAP program – specifically slashing access to fruit and vegetables. (See backup below: [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill](#))
- 2. Cut funding for the administration of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid** – potentially doubling wait times for seniors, families, and people with disabilities to access their benefits. (See backup below: [Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill](#))

3. **Slash funding to K-12 education**, firing 200,000 teachers, aides and other school professionals and impacting 26 million students; eliminating access to early childhood education for over 50,000 children through cuts to Head Start. (See backup below: [Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill](#))
4. **Cutting billions in life-saving medical research for children, cancer patients, and maternal health research through NIH and the National Cancer Institute.** (See backup below: [Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill](#) and [Energy And Water Development And Related Agencies Bill](#))
5. **Restrict abortion access**, including for veterans and active military, and limit access to the abortion medication mifepristone. (See backup below: [Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill](#), [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill](#), [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#), [Department Of Defense Appropriations Bill](#), [Homeland Security Appropriations Bill](#), [Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#), and [Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill](#))
6. **Cut funding for rural broadband by 23%.** (See backup below: [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill](#))
7. **Cut funding for local and federal law enforcement**, including FBI and federal prosecutors; cuts Byrne grants; and cuts to Missing and Exploited Children Program. (See backup below: [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#))
8. **Slash funding to provide safe and clean drinking water** and to protect children from lead poisoning. (See backup below: [Interior And Environment Appropriations Bill](#) and [Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#))
9. **Eliminate funding for election security grants and prohibit voter registration programs**, making elections less safe and making it harder to vote. (See backup below: [Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill](#))
10. **Cut funding for housing assistance programs for low-income and rural families**, opening the door for evictions during the holiday season. (See backup below: [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill](#) and [Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#))
11. **Allow discrimination against LGBTQ people**, including same-sex marriage and eliminating the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act grants. (See backup below: [all 12 appropriations bills.](#))

12. Eliminates crucial job training programs for seniors, young people, and adults

struggling to find employment, and **eliminates the federal work study program**, which allows low-income students to work their way through college. (See backup below: [Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill](#))

Backup information:

1. Strip support for nutrition assistance to children and vulnerable families like the SNAP program – specifically slashing access to fruit and vegetables.

- [The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Cut \\$32 Billion In SNAP Funding.](#) "Including a \$32 billion decrease in mandatory SNAP spending from FY23 levels due to the end of increased pandemic-era benefits and a decrease in participation rates;" [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/14/23](#)]
- [The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Slashed The Women, Infants, And Children Program \(WIC\) By \\$800 Million And Cut The Value Of Vouchers For Fruit And Vegetable Purchases.](#) "Reneges on critical nutrition assistance by slashing the cash value voucher in the Women, Infants, and Children program (WIC). The voucher provides funding for fruit and vegetable purchases for the 5 million women and children enrolled... Slashes the Women, Infants, and Children program (WIC) by \$800 million, on top of underfunding the cash value vouchers noted above." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/14/23](#)]
 - [The Bill Cut The "Fruit And Vegetable Benefit In The Agriculture Department's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program For Women, Infants And Children" By 56 To 70 Percent For Each Recipient.](#) "Cut the fruit and vegetable benefit in the Agriculture Department's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), which provides food assistance and other services to pregnant and postpartum adults, infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, between 56 and 70 percent (depending on the recipient's age), for about 5 million participants. Even with the benefit cut, it is also now apparent that the House Agriculture bill's funding for WIC is well below the level needed to serve all eligible families who wish to participate." [CBPP, [8/2/23](#)]

2. Cut funding for the administration of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid – potentially doubling wait times for seniors, families, and people with disabilities to access their benefits.

- [The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Included A \\$183 Million Cut To The "Already Underfunded" Social Security Administration.](#) "In a letter to the House Appropriations Committee, the American Federation of Government Employees — a union representing hundreds of thousands of government employees — said that the GOP's proposed funding levels would 'devastate the agency's ability to serve the American public.' Republicans on the committee released their Labor, Health and

Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill last week, including a \$183 million cut to the Social Security Administration. The union warned that the already underfunded agency could see its standing issues, like long wait times for accessing benefits and long lines at its offices, only worsen. As of June 2023, the average wait time for callers to Social Security's customer service and information number was a little over 43 minutes, per the Social Security Administration's data." [Business Insider, [7/20/23](#)]

- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Cut Funding For The Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services Used For Administration. "Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – The bill includes a total of \$3.3 billion for CMS administrative expenses, a cut of \$798 million below the enacted level." [House Appropriation Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]

3. Slash funding to K-12 education, firing 200,000 teachers, aides and other school professionals and impacting 26 million students; eliminating access to early childhood education for over 50,000 children through cuts to Head Start.

- The Appropriations Process Cut The Education Department's "Core Federal Support For K-12 Education" By 77%. "Cut the Education Department's "Title I" Education for Disadvantaged Students program by 77 percent (\$14.7 billion). This program makes grants to school districts serving communities experiencing high levels of poverty to help them provide additional services and support to students from low-income or disadvantaged backgrounds. This funding is a core federal support for K-12 education." [CBPP, [8/2/23](#)]
- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Cut Grants for Local Education, Which "Could Force a Nationwide Reduction of 220,000 Teachers from Classrooms Serving Low-Income Students." "The bill includes \$3.7 billion for Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, a cut of \$14.7 billion below the FY 2023 enacted level. This cut could force a nationwide reduction of 220,000 teachers from classrooms serving low-income students." [House Appropriation Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Eliminated Funding for "The Child Care Access Means Parents In Schools" Program. "The bill eliminates funding for Child Care Access Means Parents in School, a cut of \$75 million below the enacted level." [House Appropriation Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]

4. Cutting billions in life-saving medical research for children, cancer patients, and maternal health research through NIH and the National Cancer Institute.

- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Stifled Medical Innovation By Cutting Funds For Cancer Research, Mental Health Research, And Neurological Research And By Slashing Funding For Advanced Research Projects. "Stifles lifesaving biomedical innovation by cutting funding for cancer research, mental health research, and neurological research, and by slashing funding for advanced research projects intended to develop new cures and therapies." [House Appropriation Democrats Press Release, [7/14/23](#)]

- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Cuts \$2 Billion From The National Institutes Of Health, including: The National Cancer Institute, National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institute for Mental Health, and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "People can only hope they do not get cancer – you will not find support from House Republicans. Dreadful cuts to the National Institutes of Health – over 2 billion dollars is cut from the National Cancer Institute, National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institute for Mental Health, and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases." [Remarks by Ranking Member DeLauro, [7/14/23](#)]
- The Energy And Water Development And Related Agencies Bill Rejected The Biden Administration's Request For \$35 Million To Start A New National Laboratory With A Focus On Multidisciplinary Research In Diverse Communities. "Rejects the President's Budget Request for \$35 million to start a new National Laboratory focused on multidisciplinary research in diverse communities." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]

5. Restrict abortion access, including for veterans and active military, and limit access to the abortion medication mifepristone.

- House Republicans Passed The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Which Banned VA Medical Centers From Providing Abortion Services. "House Republicans on Thursday passed their first government funding bill, overcoming an initial hurdle in Speaker Kevin McCarthy's (R-Calif.) attempts to wrangle the GOP conference to approve all 12 appropriations bills amid intense pressure from conservatives to lower spending levels. The bill — which allocates funding for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and related agencies — passed in a 219-211 vote. Two Republicans — Reps. Tim Burchett (Tenn.) and Ken Buck (Colo.) — voted with every Democrat against the measure [...] But the administration did not hold back its criticism of policies in the bill it said would prevent VA medical centers from being able to perform abortions or 'provide hormone therapies for the purpose of gender-affirming care.'" [The Hill, [7/27/23](#)]
 - In 2022, The VA Began Providing Abortions In Cases Of Rape And Incest And When The Life Or Health Of The Patient Was At Risk. "In response to last year's Supreme Court ruling that has allowed states to ban abortion, the VA last year started offering abortions for the first time in cases of rape, incest, or where the life or health of the mother is at risk from the pregnancy. As of February, the VA has provided 34 abortions under the policy, the department told Congress in a letter in March." [Military.com, [6/13/23](#)]
- The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Prohibited the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program From Covering Abortion Services. "Other prohibitions across agencies in the Financial Services and General Government bill: Prohibits the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program from covering abortion services." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Local And Federal Funds For Abortion Services In Washington D.C.. "The bill also includes

District of Columbia riders: [...] Prohibits the use of local and Federal funds for abortion services." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]

- The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Repealed A Measure Allowing Mifepristone "To Be Dispensed By Pharmacists And Sent To Patients By Mail," Making It "Harder To Get Abortion Pills." "On Wednesday, the Republican-led House Appropriations Committee advanced a budget bill that would make it harder to get abortion pills. The move came a day after the same committee voted to ban Veterans Affairs facilities from providing life-saving abortions to vets and their family members. Tucked away on page 107 of the 113-page Fiscal Year 2024 bill is the language that would repeal January 3, 2023, Food and Drug Administration action that removed the in-person dispensing requirement for mifepristone, the first drug commonly used in medication abortions. This change allowed the drug to be dispensed by pharmacists and sent to patients by mail. Republicans really hate that and want to force the FDA to crack down on telemedicine access in states where abortion is still legal—despite many of them saying abortion should be handled at the state, not federal, level. [...] Here is the language from the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration subcommittee's bill:" [Jezebel, [6/15/23](#)]
- The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Prohibited Funding For Suing A State Or Local Government Over Abortion Laws. "Section 580 prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act to sue a State or local government over abortion laws." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Department Of Defense Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funds For Paid Leave Or Travel Expenses Related To Procuring An Abortion. "Prohibits the use of funds for paid leave and travel or related expenses of a federal employee or their dependents for the purposes of obtaining an abortion or abortion-related services." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funding For Abortions For People Detained By ICE "Includes a prohibition of funding for facilitating abortions for ICE detainees... Includes a prohibition of funding for gender-affirming care, including hormone therapy medication and surgery, for ICE detainees." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/21/23](#)]
- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Prohibited Federal Funding For Abortion Care, Stopped The Implementation Of Two Executive Orders Aimed At Increasing Access To Abortion Care Following The Overturn Of Roe V, Wade, And Defunded Planned Parenthood And Other Family Planning Grants. "Legislation to fund the departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Education, and Labor cleared a House Appropriations subcommittee by voice vote Friday, despite objections from Democrats over sharp cuts to health agency funding and anti-abortion provisions. [...] The bill would eliminate the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, cut all federal funding to Planned Parenthood, eliminate Title X family planning grants, and stop the implementation of two Biden administration executive orders intended to increase access to abortion care. [...] The legislation maintains the Hyde Amendment, a provision

that prohibits certain federal funds from being used on abortion procedures." [The Hill, [7/14/23](#)]

- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Specifically Prohibited Planned Parenthood-Affiliated Clinics From Receiving Funding. "Prohibits Planned Parenthood-affiliated clinics from receiving funds." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Prohibited An "Abortion Hotline" Run By HHS That Would Provide Information On Where To Obtain An Abortion. "Prohibits funding for any 'abortion hotline' or website run by the Department of Health and Human Services that is used to provide information on where to obtain an abortion." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]

6. Cut funding for rural broadband by 23%.

- The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Cut Funding for Rural Broadband Programs by 23%, Including Nearly \$100 Million Cut From The ReConnect Program, Which Has Already Funded Connects For More Than 400,000 Households In Rural America. "Cuts funding for key rural broadband programs by over 23 percent. This includes a nearly \$100 million cut to the ReConnect program, which has already funded connections for nearly 410,000 households in rural America to high-speed internet." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/14/23](#)]

7. Cut funding for local and federal law enforcement, including FBI and federal prosecutors; cuts Byrne grants; and cuts to Missing and Exploited Children Program.

- The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Defunded Law Enforcement, Eliminating Thousands of Federal Agent, Analyst, and Prosecutor Positions. "Defunds law enforcement, eliminating thousands of Federal agent, analyst, and prosecutor positions." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Reduced Byrne JAG Formula Grants, Which Provide Funding For Small, Local Law Enforcement Agencies. "Reduces Byrne JAG formula Grants by \$6.2 million, a critical source of funding especially for small, local law enforcement agencies." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Makes Children Less Safe By Slashing Missing And Exploited Children Programs And Other Programs That Prevent Violence. "Makes families and children less safe by slashing Missing and Exploited Children Programs, legal services, and other resources that prevent violence." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Cuts \$415 Million From The FBI, Including FBI Salaries, Which Will Lead To "Force Reductions In FBI Agent And Analyst Positions." "FBI Salaries and Expenses – \$10.276 billion is included, a cut of \$415.3 million below 2023, which will inevitably force reductions in FBI agent and analyst positions." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]

- The Commerce-Science-Justice Appropriations Bill Cuts Funding For The Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms And Explosives (ATF), Explicitly Cutting ATF Employee Salaries. "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." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Commerce-Science-Justice Appropriations Bill Cuts Funding For "Salaries And Expenses of The United States Parole Commission." "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. [...] 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." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Underfunds The Department Of Justice By \$2.2 Billion. "U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) – \$36.5 billion, \$2.2 billion below 2023." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Underfunds United States Attorneys By Nearly \$600 Million, Inevitably Leading To A Loss Of Federal Prosecutor Positions. "United States Attorneys – \$2.31 billion is included, a huge cut of \$320 million below 2023 and \$558.4 million below the request. This will inevitably result in a loss of Federal prosecutor positions." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]

8. Slash funding to provide safe and clean drinking water and to protect children from lead poisoning.

- The Interior And Environment Appropriations Bill Cut Funding for Clean Water And Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. "\$2.58 billion for State and Tribal Assistance Grants, \$1.9 billion below 2023. Within this amount, the bill includes: \$995.6 million for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, \$1.77 billion below 2023. This includes \$880.5 million in Community Project Funding for 767 clean water, drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater management projects across the country leaving only \$115 million for other projects in the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving funds. \$1.51 billion for Infrastructure Assistance Grants, \$1.82 billion below 2023." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [7/19/23](#)]
- The Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Rescinded \$564.2 Million From The Office Of Lead Hazard Control And Healthy Homes, Which Meant Approximately 33,000 Low-Income Families—46,000 Children—Would Not Have Their Homes Made Lead Safe. "The bill takes back a total of \$25.7 billion. Below are the most notable rescissions included in the bill: [...] \$564.2 million from the "Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes," putting children and families at risk, because there is no safe amount of lead. This rescission would mean: approximately 33,000 homes of low-income families will not have their homes made lead safe, resulting in

approximately 46,000 children continuing to be exposed to lead-based paint hazards." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/18/23](#)]

- The Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Rescinded \$564.2 Million From The Office Of Lead Hazard Control And Healthy Homes, Which Meant Approximately 49,000 Low-Income Families Who Utilize Housing Vouchers—69,000 Children—Would Not Have Their Homes Inspected For Lead-Based Paint Hazards. "The bill takes back a total of \$25.7 billion. Below are the most notable rescissions included in the bill: [...] \$564.2 million from the "Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes," putting children and families at risk, because there is no safe amount of lead. This rescission would mean: [...] approximately 49,000 homes of low-income families with children under age 6 using housing choice vouchers to rent pre-1978 housing will not have their homes assessed for lead-based paint hazards, resulting in approximately 69,000 children continuing to reside in homes that may have lead-based paint hazards without their knowing of it." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/18/23](#)]

9. Eliminate funding for election security grants and prohibit voter registration programs, making elections less safe and making it harder to vote.

- The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Provided No Funding for Election Security Grants, "Making Our Elections Less Secure." "Making our elections less secure with no funding for Election Security Grants. [...] Election Assistance Commission (EAC)/Election Security Grants — No funding is included for Election Security Grants, a \$75 million reduction from the 2023 level. For EAC's salaries and expenses, \$20 million is provided, a decrease of \$8 million from 2023 and \$13.8 million from the request." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]
 - Help America Vote Act Election Security Grants "Provides States With Additional Resources To Improve The Administration Of Elections For Federal Office, Including To Enhance Technology And Make Certain Election Security Improvements. "HAVA Election Security grants are formula grants that were first appropriated in 2018 (Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018). Authorized under Title I Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the Election Security grant program marked the first new HAVA appropriation since 2010. Election Security funding provides states with additional resources to improve the administration of elections for federal office, including to enhance technology and make certain election security improvements." [United States Election Assistance Commission, [8/07/23](#)]
 - Election Security Grants Can Be Used By States To Implement New Election Administration Standards, Including Replacing Old Voting Systems, Improving Voter Education And Poll Worker Training, Expanding Provisional Voting, And Expanding Accessibility Offerings At Polling Places. "Provided funding to help states meet these new standards and continue to evolve by replacing voting systems, improving voter education and poll worker training, expanding provisional voting, and expanding accessibility offerings at polling places." [United States Election Assistance Commission, accessed [8/30/23](#)]

- The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill “Prohibits The Implementation Of The Executive Order On Promoting Access To Voting With Certain Exceptions, Making It More Difficult For People To Vote.” “The bill also includes other government-wide riders to: [...] Prohibits the implementation of the Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting with certain exceptions, making it more difficult for people to vote.” [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]
 - President Biden's Executive Order On Promoting Access to Voting Directed Federal Agencies To Identify Ways In Which They Could Increase Voter Registration And Turnout. “Sec. 2. Policy. It is the policy of my Administration to promote and defend the right to vote for all Americans who are legally entitled to participate in elections. It is the responsibility of the Federal Government to expand access to, and education about, voter registration and election information, and to combat misinformation, in order to enable all eligible Americans to participate in our democracy. Sec. 3. Expanding Access to Voter Registration and Election Information. Agencies shall consider ways to expand citizens’ opportunities to register to vote and to obtain information about, and participate in, the electoral process.” [Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting, [3/07/21](#)]

10. Cut funding for housing assistance programs for low-income and rural families, opening the door for evictions during the holiday season.

- The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Cut Funding For Direct Housing Loans by 30%, Meaning Nearly 2,800 Rural Families Across The Country Would Not Be Able To Get A Loan To Afford A House. “Underfunds critical direct loans for the purchase of homes in rural areas and water and waste grants, which help the poorest communities get safer water services. Cuts funding for direct housing loans by 30 percent. These cuts mean nearly 2,800 rural families across the country would not be able to get a loan to afford a house.” [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/14/23](#)]
- The Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Made Massive Cuts To Funding For Affordable Housing, Including Cutting “The Sole Program Dedicated to Affordable Housing Construction by 67 Percent.” “Eliminates the Yes, In My Backyard program which was newly funded in 2023 at \$85 million to support land-use reform to expand affordable housing and transit-oriented development. Guts the sole Federal program dedicated to affordable housing construction by 67 percent, cutting the HOME program from \$1.5 billion to a mere \$500 million.” [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/18/23](#)]
- The Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Would Privatize Some Affordable Housing Assistance. “Encourages the private sector in providing affordable housing options through market mechanics using the Rental Assistance Demonstration, which gives families options when searching for housing.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/12/23](#)]

11. Allow discrimination against LGBTQ people, including same-sex marriage and eliminating the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act grants.

- The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Eliminated The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act Grants, The Community Violence Intervention And Prevention Grants And Other Grant Programs To Prevent Violence And Hate Crimes. Eliminates several grant programs, including: Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Grants (\$50 million was provided in 2023); Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act Grants, which help law enforcement prevent, investigate, and prosecute hate crimes (\$25 million was provided in 2023); Community-based Approaches to Advancing Justice (a separate hate crime prevention program for community organizations, for which \$10 million was provided in 2023); and The National Center for Restorative Justice (\$3 million was provided in 2023)." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Energy And Water Development Appropriations Bill "Allows For Discrimination Based On Same-Sex Marriage." "Allows for discrimination based on same-sex marriage." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [6/22/23](#)]
- The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Permitted Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. "Protects Americans against religious discrimination related to their views on marriage." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Permitted Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. "Protects Americans against religious discrimination related to their views on marriage." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill Permitted Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. "Amendments Republicans passed during the full committee markup – The bill includes unnecessary Republican messaging provisions, including a funds prohibition across the Legislative Branch for diversity, equity, and inclusion training or implementation. In addition, this bill seeks to create a license to discriminate against LGBTQI+ people by prohibiting funding that would be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person who believes that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/21/23](#)]
- The Department of Defense Appropriations Bill Permitted Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. "Bans retribution against 'any individual with a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction that marriage is or should be recognized as a union of one man and one woman' – language that limits the diversity of our military." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/14/23](#)]
- The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Permitted Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. "Sec. 583. (a) In general.--- Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a

sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman." [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, [7/12/23](#)]

- A Rider Was Adopted To The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill To Permit Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. "In general.- Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman." [Amendments to Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, Amendment #2, [6/21/23](#)]
- A Rider Was Adopted To The Interior And Environment Appropriations Bill To Permit Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. In general.- Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman." [Amendments to Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill, Amendment #3, [7/19/23](#)]
- A Rider Was Adopted To The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill To Permit Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. "In general.- Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman." [Amendments to Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill, Amendment #3, [6/14/23](#)]
- The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill To Permit Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. "In general.- Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman." [Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, [6/27/23](#)]
- A Rider Was Adopted To The Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill To Permit Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage. "In general.- IN GENERAL .-Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States

Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman." [Amendments to Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Amendment #3, [7/18/23](#)]

12. Eliminates crucial job training programs for seniors, young people, and adults struggling to find employment, and eliminates the federal work study program, which allows low-income students to work their way through college.

- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Eliminated Funding For Adult, Youth, And Senior Job Training And Employment Services Programs. "The bill eliminates funding for WIOA Adult Job Training state grants, a cut of \$886 million that would eliminate job training and employment services for 300,000 adults who face barriers to employment. The bill eliminates funding for WIOA Youth Job Training state grants, a cut of \$948 million that would eliminate job training and employment services for 128,000 youth who face barriers to employment. The bill eliminates funding for Job Corps, a cut of \$1.8 billion that would eliminate job training and employment services for 50,000 youth who face barriers to employment. The bill eliminates funding for the Senior Community Service Employment Program, a cut of \$405 million that would eliminate community service positions for more than 40,000 low-wage seniors." [House Appropriation Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Eliminated Funding for Federal Work Study, Through Which 660,000 Students Receive "Work-Based Assistance", and Eliminated Funding for Federal Supplement Educational Opportunity Grants, Through Which 1.7 Million Students Receive Need-Based Aid. "The bill eliminates funding for Federal Work Study, a cut of \$1.2 billion that would eliminate work-based assistance to 660,000 students nationwide. The bill eliminates funding for Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, a cut of \$910 million that would eliminate need-based financial aid for 1.7 million students nationwide. The bill includes \$1.8 billion for Student Aid Administration, a cut of \$265 million below the enacted level." [House Appropriation Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]
- The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill's Major Cuts to Federal Student Aid Programs Will Force Students To "Drop Out, Never Start, Or Borrow Too Much" To Pay For School. "But that is just what the House Appropriations subcommittee overseeing education funding did last month in approving a fiscal 2024 Labor-HHS-Education spending bill that eliminates two critical student financial aid programs: Federal Work-Study (FWS) and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG). The bill also cuts a number of other programs and holds the maximum Pell Grant award to its current, insufficient level of \$7,395. [...] But if Congress eliminates FWS and FSEOG, while failing to increase the maximum Pell Grant award,

students will either have to drop out, never start, or will borrow too much to gain an education that evidence shows improves an individual's financial future, personal well-being and civic engagement." [The Hill, Opinion, Ted Mitchell, American Council on Education, [8/16/23](#)]

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