

# HOUSE ACCOUNTABILITY WAR ROOM

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**RE:** Most extreme MAGA poison pills

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Led by Speaker Mike Johnson, MAGA extremists in the U.S. House of Representatives are barreling our country toward a government shutdown once again in an effort to get their extreme agenda into the funding bill, including extreme abortion bans and slashing programs that millions of Americans rely on.

How do we know they'll push for ultra-conservative poison pills? They've told us.

Speaker Johnson [said](#) the current topline funding agreement allows House Republicans to "fight for the important policy riders included in our House FY24 bills" and that [GOP leaders are](#) "putting ourselves in a position to go argue for our priorities, our riders on the spending bills."

Their threat to shutdown the government is not hollow. Many extreme House Republicans have explicitly said they do not fear a shutdown if their extreme demands are not met.

- Rep. [Bob Good](#): "We should not fear a government shutdown."
- Rep. [Andy Ogles](#): "Let's shut down the government."
- Rep. [Anna Paulina Luna](#): "Shut it down."

These extreme MAGA priorities are not only harmful to Americans from all walks of life, they are 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. Additionally, at least [three in four Americans](#) oppose Republicans' proposed cuts.

The American people agree that there can be only one way forward: no cuts, no poison pills.

Below are some of the most egregious poison pills extreme House Republicans are trying to push.

1. **Restrict abortion access**, including for veterans and active military, and limit access to the abortion medication mifepristone. (See backup below: [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill](#), [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#), [Department Of Defense Appropriations Bill](#), [Financial Services](#)

and General Government Appropriations Bill, Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, and State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill.)

2. **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.)
  
3. **Limit Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs**, including blocking executive orders on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. (See backup below: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Department Of Defense Appropriations Bill, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.)
  
4. **Undercut efforts to combat climate change**, including studying climate change and resiliency, the procurement of electric vehicles and climate-related improvements at federal facilities, and the promotion of Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) investment criteria. (See backup below: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Department Of Defense Appropriations Bill, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.)
  
5. **Make it more difficult to vote**, by blocking the implementation of President Biden's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting, which directs federal agencies to consider steps they could take to increase voter participation. (See backup below: Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, and Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill)

6. **Undermine efforts to reduce the danger posed by firearms**, including blocking red flag laws/extreme risk protection orders, eliminating reporting requirements for gun dealers, blocking the Department of Health and Human Services from declaring a public health emergency related to guns, blocking executive orders on reducing gun violence, blocking any efforts to regulate untraceable "ghost guns," blocking the ATF from regulating lethal firearm attachments like stabilizing braces, prohibiting *the study* of any future actions that could be *interpreted* as a restriction on firearms, and blocking the CDC's firearm injury and mortality prevention research. (See backup below: [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#), [Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#), [Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill](#), [Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill](#))
  
  7. **Prevents the Department of Education from implementing regulations to lessen the burden of student loans**. (See backup below: [Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill](#))
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Backup information:

1. **Restrict abortion access**, including for veterans and active military, and limit access to the abortion medication mifepristone.
  - a. **The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Reversed The FDA's Decision To Allow Mifepristone To Be Dispensed In Certain Pharmacies**. "Limits women's access to abortion – Reverses the FDA decision to allow mifepristone to be dispensed in certified pharmacies to patients with a prescription from a certified prescriber, instead of only in hospitals, clinics, and medical offices." [House Appropriations Democrats, [10/02/23](#)]
  - b. **The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Defunds The Department Of Justice's Reproductive Rights Task Force, And Forbids The DOJ From Suing State And Local Governments Over Abortion Laws**. "Section 579 prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act for the Department of Justice's Reproductive Rights Task Force. 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, [11/09/23](#)]
  - c. **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](#)]

- d. **The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Prohibits 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](#)]
- i. **FEHB Has Been Blocked From Covering Abortion Since 1983.** "Congress first imposed a ban on abortion coverage in the FEHB Program in 1983. At the time, the only exception to the ban was for cases of life endangerment; current policy is in line with the Hyde Amendment, restricting coverage to cases of life endangerment or pregnancies resulting from rape or incest. As of November 2016, some 335,000 women of reproductive age were primary FEHB policyholders, and an unknown number more enrolled as dependents." [Guttmacher Institute, [1/05/17](#)]
- e. **The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Prohibits Funding For D.C. To Carry Out The Reproductive Health Nondiscrimination Act.** "District of Columbia Policy Riders: Prohibits funding for D.C. to carry out the Reproductive Health Nondiscrimination Act (RHNDA) of 2014." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- i. **The Reproductive Health Nondiscrimination Act Prohibits Recipients Of Federal Financial Assistance From Excluding An Individual From Participation In, Denying Them The Benefits Of, Or Otherwise Subjecting Them To Discrimination On The Basis Of Sex, Among Other Bases, In Their Health Programs And Activities.** "Under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (Section 1557), 42 U.S.C. 18116, recipients of federal financial assistance are prohibited from excluding an individual from participation in, denying them the benefits of, or otherwise subjecting them to discrimination on the basis of sex, among other bases, in their health programs and activities. Under both Section 1557 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 U.S.C. 794, recipients of federal financial assistance are prohibited from discriminating in their health programs and activities, and all programs and activities, on the basis of disability, respectively. Discrimination against pregnant people on the basis of their pregnancy or related conditions is a form of sex discrimination, which can have significant health consequences. Under federal civil rights law, pregnancy discrimination includes discrimination based on current pregnancy, past pregnancy, potential or intended pregnancy, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth. Additionally, while pregnancy itself is not a disability, medical issues resulting from pregnancy can qualify as a disability under Section 504." [US Department of Health and Human Services, accessed [8/30/23](#)]

- f. **The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Prohibits The Use Of Local And Federal Funds For Abortion Services.** “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](#)]
- g. **The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funding For Gender-Affirming Care And 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](#)]
- h. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Contained Many Restrictive Abortion Provisions, Including:**
  - i. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Maintained The Hyde Amendment.** “Maintains the Hyde Amendment and ensures no federal funding can be used for abortion-on-demand.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
  - ii. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Prohibited The National Institutes Of Health From Using Human Fetal Tissue Obtained From Elective Abortions In Research.** “Prohibits the NIH from using human fetal tissue obtained from an elective abortion to be used in taxpayer-funded research.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
  - iii. **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](#)]
  - iv. **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](#)]
  - v. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Stopped Implementation Of Two Post-Dobbs Biden Executive Orders Intended To Increase Access To Abortions In States That Have Limited Them.** “Stops implementation of two Biden Executive Orders issued following the Dobbs Supreme Court decision, which are intended to increase access to abortions in states that have limited them by state law.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]

- vi. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Eliminated Title X Family Planning Funding, Which Sometimes Goes To Planned Parenthood.** “Eliminates funding for Title X family planning, which are often granted to controversial organizations like Planned Parenthood.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
  - i. **The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Blocked A Pending Department Of Veteran Affairs Rule Which Permitted The VA To Provide Abortion Care To Veterans In The Cases Of Rape, Incest, Or If The Veterans Health Was Endangered By The Pregnancy.** “The legislation would roll back a rule sought by the VA that would allow taxpayer funding of abortions when the health of a pregnant veteran is endangered, along with other limited circumstances... The spending bill includes numerous conservative policy riders, including one that would bar the Department of Veterans Affairs from implementing an interim final rule on abortion access. That rule says that VA could terminate a pregnancy ‘when the life or health of the pregnant veteran would be endangered if the pregnancy were carried to term or when the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest.’” [Tennessee Lookout, [7/31/23](#)]
  - j. **The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill Legislatively Reinstates The Global Gag Rule.** “Threatens women’s health globally by: [...] Legislatively reinstating the Global Gag Rule on non-governmental organizations that receive U.S. assistance.” [House Appropriations Democrats, [10/02/23](#)]
2. **Allow discrimination against LGBTQ+ people**, including same-sex marriage and eliminating the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act grants.
- a. **The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Contains The “License To Discriminate” Rider Which “Creates A License For People And Organizations... To Discriminate Against LGBTQI+ People Under The Guise Of Religious Liberty.”** ““License to Discriminate” Riders – Sec. 773 This rider creates a license for people and organizations—including those receiving taxpayer funds—to discriminate against LGBTQI+ people under the guise of religious liberty, and they prevent the federal government from adequately responding. For example, they prohibit the federal government from reducing or terminating a federal contract or grant with an organization that discriminates against LGBTQI+ people if the organization justifies their discrimination based on the belief that marriage should only be between a man and a woman.” [House Equality Caucus, [9/28/23](#)]
  - b. **The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Limits Which Flags Can Be Displayed On Government Properties, Which Would Ban Agencies From Flying Pride Flags.** “Pride Flag Riders – Sec. 772 This rider prohibits funds from being used to fly Pride flags at



covered facilities. Flying Pride flags is a way for agencies to illustrate their commitment to inclusion of LGBTQI+ employees and their families. LGBTQI+ people deserve to be seen, valued, and represented for their contributions." [House Equality Caucus, [9/28/23](#)]

- c. **The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Prohibits The Relevant Agencies From Taking Actions Which "Discriminate" Against Americans For Their Belief That Marriage Is A Union Of One Man And One Woman.** "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](#)]
- d. **The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Defunds The LGBT Specific Services Program In The Office On Violence Against Women.** "Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) – \$700 million, equal to 2023. However, the bill shoves into this account \$30.5 million in grant programs previously funded in another account, effectively cutting legacy OVW grant programs by \$30.5 million below 2023. Within this overall total, the bill eliminates funding for the following programs that were funded in 2023: [...] LGBT Specific Services Program (authorized in section 206 of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2022)." [House Appropriations Democrats, [11/09/23](#)]
- e. **The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Defunds Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act Grants.** "State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance/Office of Justice Programs – \$2.488 billion, an increase of \$71.1 million over 2023. However, this is misleading, because the bill shoves various Juvenile Justice, Research, and COPS programs into this account, while many legacy programs in this account are greatly underfunded and/or eliminated. For example: [...] Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act Grants, which help law enforcement prevent, investigate, and prosecute hate crimes." [House Appropriations Democrats, [11/09/23](#)]
- f. **The Department of Defense Appropriations Bill Contains Partisan Riders That Have Nothing To Do With National Security, Including Restrictions On Health Care, Inclusion And Accessibility Programs, Hunter Biden, And Permitting Discrimination Within The Military.** "The bill includes partisan riders that have nothing to do with national security: [...] 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](#)]

- g. **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](#)]
- h. **The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Permits Discrimination Against Same-Sex Marriage.** “Protects Americans against religious discrimination related to their views on marriage.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- i. **A Rider Was Adopted To The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill To Prohibit The Relevant Agencies From Taking Actions Which “Discriminate” Against Americans For Their Belief That Marriage Is A Union Of One Man And One Woman.** “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](#)]
- j. **A Rider Was Adopted To The Interior And Environment Appropriations Bill To Prohibit The Relevant Agencies From Taking Actions Which “Discriminate” Against Americans For Their Belief That Marriage Is A Union Of One Man And One Woman.** “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](#)]
- k. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Prohibited “Religious Discrimination” Against People Who Do Not Approve Of Marriage Equality.** “Protects Americans against religious discrimination related to their views on marriage.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
- l. **The Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill Prohibits The Relevant Agencies From Taking Actions Which “Discriminate” Against Americans For Their Belief That Marriage Is A Union Of One Man And One Woman.** “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 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, Amendment #3, [6/21/23](#)]

- m. **The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Prohibits The Relevant Agencies From Taking Actions Which "Discriminate" Against Americans For Their Belief That Marriage Is A Union Of One Man And One Woman.** "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](#)]
- n. **The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill Prohibited Funding For Any Programs Or Organizations Which "Promote Transgenderism For Minors."** "(e) None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall used or transferred to another Federal Agency, board, or commission to fund any domestic or international non-governmental organization or any other program, organization, or association coordinated or operated by such non-governmental organization that either offers counseling regarding sex change surgeries for minors, promotes sex change surgeries for any reason as an option for minors, conducts or subsidizes sex change surgeries for minors, promotes the use of medications or other substances to halt the onset of puberty or sexual development of minors, or otherwise promotes transgenderism among minors." [State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, [6/21/23](#)]
- o. **A Rider Was Adopted To The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill To Prohibit Relevant Agencies From Flying Certain Flags.** "(f) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expended to fly or display a flag over a facility of a United States Federal department or agency funded by this Act other than the- "(1) United States Flag; (2) Foreign Service flag pursuant to 2 FAM 154.2-1; (3) POW/MIA flag; (4) flag of a State, insular area, or the District of Columbia at domestic locations; (5) flag of an Indian Tribal government; or (6) sovereign flag of other countries." [Amendments to State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, Amendment #3, [7/12/23](#)]
- p. **The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill Prohibited Funding For Drag Queen Workshops, Performances, And Documentaries.** "SEC . 7070. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise

made available by this Act or prior Acts making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs may be made available for drag queen workshops, performances, or documentaries." [State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, [6/21/23](#)]

- q. **The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill Defunds The U.S. Special Envoy To Advance the Human Rights Of LGBTQI+ Persons.** "State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: A rider to defund the offices of certain Special Envoys, including the U.S. Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons." [Congressional Equality Caucus, [7/25/23](#)]
  - r. **A Rider Was Adopted To The Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill To Prohibit The Relevant Agencies From Taking Actions Which "Discriminate" Against Americans For Their Belief That Marriage Is A Union Of One Man And One Woman.** "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](#)]
3. **Limit Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs**, including blocking executive orders on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- a. **The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Would Block Biden's Three Executive Orders On Diversity, Equality, Inclusion, And Accessibility.** "Other key provisions of the bill as passed by the full committee include: ... Blocks three Biden executive orders on diversity, equality, inclusion, and accessibility." [House Appropriations Democrats, [10/02/23](#)]
  - b. **The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Prohibits The Use Of Funds For Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion Programs And Training.** "Section 553 prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act for various offices and programs related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This would prevent the agencies funded in the bill from pursuing a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality. It further prevents agencies from implementing DEI programs and training. Section 562 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. This would prevent funding for

organizations that train Federal employees on DEI issues and activities." [House Appropriations Democrats, [11/09/23](#)]

- c. **The Department of Defense Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Department Of Defense From Complying With Executive Orders Related To Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion.** "Prohibits the implementation, administration, or enforcement of the Biden Administration's executive orders on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- d. **The Department of Defense Appropriations Bill Defunded The Deputy Inspector General For Diversity And Inclusion And Extremism In The Military.** "Defunds the position of Deputy Inspector General for Diversity and Inclusion and Extremism in the Military." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- e. **The Department of Defense Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funds To Advance "Critical Race Theory."** "Prohibits the use of funds to promote or advance Critical Race Theory (CRT)." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- f. **The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Bill Prohibited The Department Of Energy From Complying With Executive Orders Related To Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion.** "Prohibits the implementation, administration, or enforcement of the Biden Administration's executive orders on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- g. **The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funds To Advance "Critical Race Theory."** "Prohibits the use of funds to promote or advance Critical Race Theory (CRT)." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- h. **The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Blocks Three Biden Executive Orders On Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion And Accessibility.** "Blocks three Biden executive orders on diversity, equality, inclusion, and accessibility." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- i. **The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funds On Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion Programs, And To "Advance Critical Race Theory."** "Defunds the Administration's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives that distract from the core mission by ensuring that no funding can be used to carry out the DHS equity action plan or advance critical race theory." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/21/23](#)]
- j. **The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funds On Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion Programs, And To "Advance Critical Race Theory."** "Prohibits the use of funds to promote or advance Critical Race Theory (CRT). Prohibits implementation of the Biden Administration's Executive Orders on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)" [House Appropriations Republicans, Fiscal Year 2024 Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Summary, [7/11/23](#)]

- k. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Prohibited Implementation Of The Biden Administration's Executive Orders On Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion (DEI).** "Prohibits implementation of the Biden Administration's Executive Orders on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
  - l. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funds To "Promote Or Advance Critical Race Theory."** "Prohibits the use of funds to promote or advance Critical Race Theory (CRT)" [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
  - m. **The Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill Advanced The Extreme MAGA Republican "Culture War" By Defunding The House Office Of Diversity And Inclusion.** "House Appropriations Democrats slammed the Republican proposal, saying it does too little to address Capitol Police personnel needs, zeroes out funding for the House Office of Diversity and Inclusion and does nothing to facilitate collective bargaining rights granted to House staff last year. 'This bill halts the progress made in recent years, raises concerns about Congress's ability to maintain constituent services, and does not fully fund personnel needs for the United States Capitol Police at a time when threats against Members and staff are on the rise,' Appropriations Committee ranking member Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., said in a statement. 'We made progress last Congress, but this bill takes us backward.'" [Roll Call, [5/16/23](#)]
  - n. **The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funds On Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion Programs, And To "Advance Critical Race Theory."** "Prohibits the use of funds to promote or advance critical race theory... Prohibits the implementation, administration, or enforcement of the Biden Administration's executive orders on diversity, equity, and inclusion." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/21/23](#)]
  - o. **The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Prohibited The Use Of Funds On Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion Programs, And To "Advance Critical Race Theory."** "Prohibits implementation of the Biden Administration's Executive Orders on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). [...] • Prohibits the use of funds to promote or advance Critical Race Theory." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
  - p. **The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funds To "Promote Critical Race Theory."** "Prohibits the use of funds for training of federal employees or contractors to promote Critical Race Theory or related concepts." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/11/23](#)]
4. **Undercut efforts to combat climate change**, including studying climate change and resiliency, the procurement of electric vehicles and climate-related improvements at federal facilities, and the promotion of Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) investment criteria.

- a. **The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Rescinded \$1.5 Billion In Funding For Rural Energy Programs Established In The Inflation Reduction Act.** "Eliminates funding for climate hubs and climate change research. • Eliminates funding for conservation equity agreements. [...] Rescinds \$1 billion for a rural clean energy program created in the Inflation Reduction Act for wasteful 'green' climate initiatives. • Rescinds \$500 million for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) provided in the Inflation Reduction Act" [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/14/23](#)]
- b. **The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Cuts The Renewable Energy For America Program By \$500 Million.** "They also cut the Renewable Energy for America Program by \$500 million, gut rural electric investment in clean energy and energy efficiency by \$3.25 billion, and eliminate payments from the Inflation Reduction Act that serve as a financial lifeline, and which have already helped more than 20,000 distressed farmers, keeping them from going into foreclosure." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/14/23](#)]
- c. **The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Slashes Investments In Rural America Such As Loans To Distressed Farmers And Electric Co-ops.** "Slashes investments in rural America such as loans to financially distressed farmers and funds for rural electric co-ops." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/14/23](#)]
- d. **The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Underfunds Critical Direct Loans For Homes In Rural Areas And Water And Waste Grants, Which Help Poorer Communities Access Safe Water.** "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." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/14/23](#)]
- e. **The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill Reduces Rural Electric Investment In Clean Energy And Energy Efficiency By \$3.25 Billion.** "They also cut the Renewable Energy for America Program by \$500 million, gut rural electric investment in clean energy and energy efficiency by \$3.25 billion..." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/14/23](#)]
- f. **The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Prohibits Funding For Various Efforts To Study And Combat Climate Change, Including The NIST Center of Excellence In Climate Change, Fisheries Research, The Valuation Of Ecosystems And Natural Assets In Regulatory Decision-Making, The Promotion Of Or Investment In Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG), And An Office Of Environmental Justice.** "Environment:
  - i. Section 554 prohibits funding in the Act for:
    1. the NIST Center of Excellence in Climate Change
    2. climate change fisheries research

3. NSF for the U.S. Global Change Research Program or Clean Energy Technology Program; or
  4. to enforce Executive Order 14008 (Jan. 27, 2021), entitled, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad".
- ii. Section 555 prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act for implementation of Executive Order 14072, relating to the valuation of ecosystem and environmental services and natural assets in Federal regulatory decision-making.
  - iii. Section 564 prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act for the promotion of or any contributions to Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) investments.
  - iv. Section 586 prohibits the use of funds made available by this or any other Act for an Office of Environmental Justice." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]
- g. **The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Underfunds The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration By More Than \$900 Million.** "National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – \$5.43 billion is provided, a reduction of \$921.5 million below 2023." [House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]
  - h. **The Department of Defense Appropriations Bill Cuts Nearly \$715 Million For Climate-Related Programs Which Will Limit The Department Of Defense's Ability To Update Installations Into The 21st Century – And Even Bans Greenhouse Gas Reduction Initiatives.** "\$714.8 million for climate-related programs which limit the Department's ability update installations into the 21st century and includes a ban on funding for greenhouse gas reduction initiatives." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/14/23](#)]
  - i. **The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Bill Rescinded More Than \$5.5 Billion From The Inflation Reduction Act, Including Rebates For Energy-Efficient Appliances And Net-Zero Building Codes.** "Rescinds billions of dollars in wasteful spending from the IRA, including: 4.5 billion for rebates for new electric appliances or installation of home electrification projects, including the replacement of gas stoves and appliances; \$1 billion for states and local governments to adopt net zero and implement the latest building energy codes; and \$200 million for installation training for home energy efficiency and electrification projects." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
  - j. **The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Bill Eliminated Funding For Climate Change Programs In The Corp Of Engineers And Bureau Of Reclamation, Including Electric Vehicle Procurement.** "Eliminates funding for unrelated climate change activities in the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, including electric vehicle procurement and 'climate cops' across the Corps." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]



- k. **The Energy And Water Development Appropriations Bill “Increases Energy Costs” By Cutting Clean Energy And Energy Efficiency Programs.** “For 2024, the Energy and Water bill provides \$55.2 billion, a decrease of \$3.9 billion or 6.5 percent below 2023. Further, the bill’s domestic allocation is effectively 21.5 percent, \$5.4 billion, below 2023 while its defense allocation is 3.5 percent, \$1.1 billion, above 2023, creating a further disparity between domestic and defense programs. The legislation: Increases energy costs by cutting and rescinding the Department of Energy’s clean energy programs that lower American families’ energy bills. Cuts the Department of Energy’s Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account by \$466 million or 14% below 2023 (\$1.8 billion or 38% below the President’s budget request).” [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [6/22/23](#)]
- l. **The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill Prohibits Funding For Energy Efficiency Standards For Electric Grid Distribution Transformers.** “The bill includes partisan riders: [...] Prohibits funding to stop the energy efficiency standard for electric grid distribution transformers.” [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [6/22/23](#)]
- m. **The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Prohibits Certain SEC Rules Related To Environment, Social, Governance (ESG) Criteria.** “Prohibits funds to finalize or enforce numerous SEC rules, including the Climate Disclosure rule related to Environment, Social, Governance (ESG) criteria.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- n. **The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Prohibits Funding For Procurement Of Electric Vehicles And Associated Infrastructure For Agencies Under The Financial Services And General Government Subcommittee’s Jurisdiction.** “Prohibits funding for procurement of electric vehicles and associated infrastructure for agencies under the Subcommittee’s jurisdiction.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/22/23](#)]
- o. **The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Use Of Funding For Electric Vehicles.** “No funding for electric vehicles and related infrastructure, saving \$97 million from the requested amount and \$30 million from the enacted level.” [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/21/23](#)]
- p. **The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Fails To Deliver Needed Resources To Mitigate The Harms Of Climate Change – Cutting Funding For Climate-Change And Resiliency Initiatives By Nearly \$750 Million.** “Leaves Americans vulnerable to the growing number and increasing severity of natural disasters by failing to deliver needed resources to mitigate the loss of life and property, combat climate change, and support climate resilience... Guts funding for climate-change, climate-resiliency, and facilities transformation initiatives by over \$748 million.” [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/21/23](#)]
- q. **The Interior And Environment Appropriations Bill Rescinds Inflation Reduction Act Funding For The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund And For Environmental And Climate Justice.** “Rescinds \$7.8 billion from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Fund created in the IRA. • Rescinds \$1.4 billion for Environmental and Climate Justice funding provided in the IRA." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/19/23](#)]

- i. **The Interior And Environment Appropriations Bill Rescinds Inflation Reduction Act Funding That Supports "The Creation of High-Paying Jobs."** "The Republican bill cuts programs in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) by \$9.4 billion. These cuts include \$7.8 billion from the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund which supports investments for disadvantaged communities and the creation of high-paying jobs." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [7/19/23](#)]
- r. **The Interior And Environment Appropriations Bill Makes Major Cuts To The EPA With "Policy Provisions That Will Endanger Public Health, Strain The Economy, And Increase Costs."** "House Republicans passed their fiscal year 2024 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies funding bill that takes an aggressive anti-environment pro-pollution stance with a crippling 39 percent cut to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and policy provisions that will endanger public health, strain the economy, and increase costs." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [7/19/23](#)]
  - i. **The Interior And Environment Appropriations Bill Cuts EPA Funding To 1991 Levels.** "Bill includes the lowest level the EPA has received since 1991, cuts funding for the arts, and prohibits Smithsonian from highlighting the contributions of American Latinos in U.S. history and culture." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [7/19/23](#)]
- s. **The Interior And Environment Appropriations Bill Promotes Dirty Energy Over Clean Energy.** "Prohibits funds for wind energy activities in Idaho until a GAO report is completed; [...] Prohibits pre-leasing, leasing, or the conveyance of leases for offshore wind energy activity in the Florida administrative boundary until certain conditions are met; Requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a minimum of two region-wide oil and gas lease sales in certain planning areas; Directs the Secretary of the Interior to resume quarterly onshore oil and gas leasing sales and specifies number of sales in listed states." [House Appropriations Democrats, [10/31/23](#)]
- t. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Prohibited Funds Being Used To Enforce ESG Criteria For Investing.** " Prohibits funds to enforce Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) criteria for investing in retirement plans." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/13/23](#)]
- u. **The Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill Removes A Longstanding Provision To Eliminate Or Reduce Plastic Waste Across The Legislative Branch.** "The removal of a longstanding provision to eliminate or reduce plastic waste across the Legislative Branch, further contributing to the impacts of climate change." [House Appropriations Democrats, [6/21/23](#)]

- v. **The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Does Not Fund Military Installation Climate Change And Resilience Projects, Without Which Military Installations Will Fail To Adapt To Rising Sea Levels And Worsening Natural Disasters.** "The bill does not include additional, dedicated funding for military installation climate change and resilience projects, which is a cut of \$90 million from the current level. Without this funding, military installations will fail to adapt to rising sea levels and worsening natural disasters, putting servicemembers and our national security at risk." [House Appropriations Democrats, [10/02/23](#)]
- w. **The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill Underfunded Or Eliminated 40 Accounts, Including Those For Refugee Assistance, Clean Technology Development, Diplomatic Programs, USAID, International Peacekeeping Programs, And The Peace Corps.** "40 accounts in the bill are either at or below FY19 levels or eliminated entirely. Eliminates 9 accounts, including Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund, International Organizations and Programs, Contribution to the Clean Technology Fund, and Contribution to the Inter-American Development Bank; Reduces 14 accounts below the FY19 enacted level, including Diplomatic Programs, Contributions to International Organizations, Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities, USAID Operating Expenses, Economic Support Fund, and Migration and Refugee Assistance; Reduces 17 accounts to the FY19 enacted level, including United States Agency for Global Media, Peace Corps, and International Development Association." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/23/23](#)]
- x. **The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill Terminated 18 Programs Including The Organization For Economic Cooperation And Development (OECD), The UN Educational, Scientific And Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UN Women, UN Montreal Protocol (Ozone Protection), UN Environment Fund, And The World Economic Forum.** "Terminates more than 18 programs, including Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UN Women, UN Montreal Protocol, UN Environment Fund, and World Economic Forum." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/23/23](#)]
- y. **The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill Prohibited The Treasury Department From "Carrying Out The Biden Administration's Climate Agenda" At The World Bank And Other Multilateral Development Banks.** "Prohibits the Treasury Department from carrying out the Biden Administration's climate agenda at the World Bank and other multilateral development banks, which harms developing countries and opens the door to predatory financing from the PRC." [House Appropriations Republicans, [6/23/23](#)]
- z. **The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill "Hinders The U.S. Response To The Climate Crisis."** "Hinders the U.S. response to the Climate Crisis by: Only including funding for biodiversity conservation.

Prohibiting funding for the Green Climate Fund. Prohibiting funding for the Clean Technology Fund. Prohibiting funding for any loss and damage claims attributed to climate change. Preventing democracy, security, gender, agriculture, or water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programming from being attributed to climate objectives. Prohibits funds under Power Africa from being used for renewable energy unless matched by other sources of energy." [House Appropriations Democrats, [10/02/23](#)]

- aa. **The Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Would Eliminate \$380 Million In Climate Justice, Tenant Protection, And New Construction Programs.** "Eliminates over \$380 million in unauthorized Biden Administration initiatives, including: \$100 million DOT Thriving Communities, a "Justice40"-related program; \$185 million HUD Choice Neighborhoods program; \$85 million HUD Yes in My Back Yard (YIMBY) program, which gives bureaucrats in Washington the power to change local zoning laws; and \$10 million for unnecessary eviction legal assistance grants." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/12/23](#)]
  - bb. **The Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Rejected \$1.7 Billion Requested For Clean Energy Transportation, Intercity Rail, And Other HUD Programs.** "Rejects the Administration's request for additional programs and initiatives totaling nearly \$1.7 billion, including: \$26 million to electrify DOT's federal vehicle fleet; \$92 million for FAA Environment, Energy, and Sustainable Aviation Fuel programs; \$560 million for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail; \$30 million transit research initiatives, including those related to climate; \$565 million to expand HUD vouchers; \$300 million in "Green New Deal" grants to promote environmental justice priorities in public housing; and \$100 million to resurrect the Build Back Better housing agenda, through the FirstHOME Downpayment Assistance Initiative." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/12/23](#)]
  - cc. **The Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Prohibits The Department Of Transportation From Implementing Proposed Rules On Clean Energy Standards.** "Prohibits DOT from imposing burdensome grant requirements on state and local applicants in the name of "equity."; Prohibits implementation of the Administration's proposed Greenhouse Gas emissions rule, which would be especially burdensome for rural states." [House Appropriations Republicans, [7/12/23](#)]
5. **Make it more difficult to vote**, by blocking the implementation of President Biden's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting, which directs federal agencies to consider steps they could take to increase voter participation.
- a. **The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Provides 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](#)]

- i. **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](#)]
  - ii. **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](#)]
- b. **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](#)]
- i. **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](#)]

- c. **The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Prohibits Funding For President Biden's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting, Executive Order 14019.** "Sec. 570. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to carry out Executive Order No. 14019 (86 Fed. Reg. 13623; relating to promoting access to voting), except for sections 7, 8, and 10 of such Order." [H.R.4367 - Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024, Congress.gov, accessed [1/16/23](#)]
  - d. **A Rider Was Adopted To The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill To Prohibit Funding For President Biden's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting, Executive Order 14019.** "Tenney (NY) – #143 Adopted by Voice Vote." [House Appropriations Amendment Tracker, accessed [1/16/24](#)]
    - i. **Rep. Tenney's Amendment #143 Prohibits Funding For Executive Order 14019.** [Committee On Rules Draft Rule, [11/13/23](#)]
6. **Undermine efforts to reduce the danger posed by firearms**, including blocking red flag laws/extreme risk protection orders, eliminating reporting requirements for gun dealers, blocking the Department of Health and Human Services from declaring a public health emergency related to guns, blocking executive orders on reducing gun violence, blocking any efforts to regulate untraceable "ghost guns," blocking the ATF from regulating lethal firearm attachments like stabilizing braces, prohibiting *the study* of any future actions that could be *interpreted* as a restriction on firearms, and blocking the CDC's firearm injury and mortality prevention research.
- a. **The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Includes "New Dangerous, Partisan Policy Riders" On Guns That Rollback Common Sense Gun Reforms Like Certain Reporting Requirements, Regulations Of Untraceable "Ghost Guns," Biden Administration Efforts To Reduce Gun Violence, Buyback Programs, And Red-Flag/Extreme Risk Laws.** "The bill includes a number of funding prohibitions that would:
    - i. Eliminate requirements for licensed firearm dealers to report to the Justice Department on the sale of multiple rifles or shotguns to the same individual (Section 537);
    - ii. Forbid the implementation, enforcement, and legal defense of the ATF's Frame or Receiver firearm Final rule aimed at regulating ghost guns, a weapon of choice for criminals (Section 544) as well as the ATF's Stabilizing Brace Final rule (Section 550), and the administration and enforcement of Executive Order 14092, "Reducing Gun Violence and Making Our Communities Safer" issued by President Biden on March 14, 2023 (Section 545);



- iii. Bar 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 any future efforts to reduce gun violence (Section 549);
  - iv. Block funds for gun buyback or relinquishment programs (Section 566), the implementation of red flag laws or extreme risk protection orders (Section 568) and the Demand 2 program – a program designed to increase oversight of federal firearm licensees with a high number of sales of guns used in crimes within three years of their purchase – unless reporting thresholds are modified (Section 572);
  - v. Require notification and hearing opportunities to gun owners prior to the confiscation of a firearm – effectively jeopardizing law enforcement (Section 567);
  - vi. Prohibit the study, preparation, or proposal for any future administrative or executive actions that would be interpreted as a restriction on the production, purchase, sale, or transfer of any firearm unless expressly authorized by Congress (Section 569);
  - vii. Eliminate 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 (Section 571); and
  - viii. Bar the Department's ability to classify, tax, or register any firearm with an attached stabilizing brace, like the one used in the mass shooting at Christian Covenant School in Nashville, TN earlier this year (Section 573)."  
[House Appropriations Democrats, [7/13/23](#)]
- b. **The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill "Allows Firearms On Public Lands."** "The bill includes partisan riders: Allows firearms on Corps of Engineers' public lands." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [6/22/23](#)]
- c. **The Financial Services And General Government Appropriations Bill Allows More Dangerous Guns To Be Carried In D.C.** "The bill also includes District of Columbia riders: Allows any individual with a conceal carry permit from any state to carry a firearm in Washington, D.C., including on the Metro system. Diverts funding from DC Public Schools to private school vouchers." [House Appropriations Democrats Press Release, [7/13/23](#)]
- d. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Prevents The Secretary Of Health And Human Services From Declaring A Public Health Emergency Related To Gun Violence.** "SEC. 248. None of the funds in this Act may be used by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to declare a public health emergency pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) or any related order that would impede, limit, or restrict a citizen's Second Amendment right." [Rules Committee Print 118-13 Text Of H.R. 5894, Departments Of Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024, accessed [1/16/24](#)]

7. **Prevents the Department of Education from implementing regulations to lessen the burden of student loans.**
  - a. **The Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill Prohibits Changes To The Regulations Governing Student Loan Payments And Forgiveness.** “SEC. 316. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to— (1) implement the modifications of statutory and regulatory provisions relating to debt discharge described by the Department of Education in the Federal Register on October 12, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 61514), or take any substantially similar action; (2) issue a final rule or otherwise implement the proposed rule on “Improving Income-Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program” published by the Department of Education in the Federal Register on January 11, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 1894 et seq.), or take any substantially similar action; or (3) implement, administer, or enforce parts 600, 668, and 685 of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, (relating to borrower defense to repayment), as amended by the final regulations published by the Department of Education in the Federal Register on November 1, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 65904 et seq.) or take any substantially similar action.” [Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, And Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, [7/12/23](#)]

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