

H.R. 7608 - FY 2021 APPROPRIATIONS MINIBUS

State-Foreign Operations, Agriculture-Rural Development-FDA, Interior-Environment, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs



Confronts the coronavirus pandemic, strengthens food security, invests in infrastructure, protects the environment and public lands, combats climate change, supports veterans and military families.

Confronts the Coronavirus Pandemic

- Emergency global assistance to respond to the coronavirus and prevent its spread – \$10.018 billion
- Restores funding for the World Health Organization, which President Trump has threatened to cut off
- Gives FDA legal authority to require the recall of unsafe prescription and over-the-counter drugs

Strengthens Food Security

- Provides full funding for SNAP (\$68.277 billion), child nutrition programs (\$25.131 billion), and WIC (\$5.75 billion)
- Blocks two unconscionable SNAP rules by the Trump administration designed to restrict program eligibility

Invests in Infrastructure

- Invests \$15.17 billion in water infrastructure and other infrastructure programs, including \$12.97 billion for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and \$546 million to get lead out of drinking water
- Rural Infrastructure – \$1.45 billion for rural water and waste program loans, and more than \$610 million in water and waste grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems and sanitary waste disposal systems
- Rural Broadband ReConnect Program – \$990 million, \$435 million above fiscal year 2020

Protects the Environment, Public Lands

- Environmental Protection Agency – \$9.38 billion, \$318 million above fiscal year 2020
- Department of the Interior (non-LWCF) – \$13.83 billion, \$304 million above fiscal year 2020

Combats Climate Change

- EPA's Clean Air programs and research – \$521.6 million, \$37.9 million above fiscal year 2020
- Provides \$500 million to help developing countries reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pursue adaptation and mitigation strategies

Supports Veterans and Military Families

- Provides \$12.5 billion in emergency appropriations for VA to address sharply rising health care costs
- Veterans Medical Care – \$90.0 billion, \$9.8 billion above fiscal year 2020
 - Mental Health Care – \$10.3 billion
 - Homeless Assistance Programs – \$1.9 billion
 - Gender-Specific Care for Women – \$661 million
- Military Construction Projects – \$10.4 billion, with language ensuring these funds cannot be stolen for Trump's wasteful border wall
 - Military Family Housing – \$1.49 billion, \$22 million above fiscal year 2020