

2016 Omnibus Appropriations Bill:

The FY 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act provides \$1.149 trillion to fund the federal government through September 30, 2016. This legislation is consistent with the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (BBA15) which increased defense and non-defense spending caps by \$25 billion each. The omnibus includes \$548 billion in defense spending, \$58.8 billion in OCO/GWOT, and \$518 billion in non-defense spending.

Highlights:

- Fully funds defense, pays our troops, and provides the resources and equipment our military needs to strengthen and protect our national security
- No new funding for ObamaCare and prohibits funds for ObamaCare Risk Corridors
- Maintains all existing pro-life policy and funding provisions
- Repeals the Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) requirements to prevent billions of dollars in retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods
- Repeals the ban on exporting crude oil
- Includes 2nd Amendment rights protections
- Limits the EPA to the lowest funding levels since 2008 and prevents funds for new or expanded EPA regulatory programs
- Freezes IRS funding \$1.7b below President's request (except direct taxpayer service)
- Stops the IRS harassment of 501c(4) organizations and targeting organizations based on their ideological beliefs
- Prioritizes non-defense spending for NIH, CDC, Agriculture research, border security, and law enforcement
- Includes the Visa Waiver Program Improvement and Terrorist Travel Prevention Act of 2015
- Provides a one-year extension of the Internet Tax Freedom Act
- Includes the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016
- Includes cybersecurity legislation that authorizes voluntary cyber sharing, addresses existing vulnerabilities, and provides liability protections while maintaining protections of privacy and civil liberties
- Two-year delay (2018 and 2019) of the ObamaCare excise tax on high cost health plans (Cadillac Tax)
- One-year delay (2017) of the Health Insurance Tax (HIT)
- Five-year extension of 9/11 Victim's Compensation Fund (VCF) and extension of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act through 2090.

Additional information:

Defense and VA

- Fully funds our troops' pay, addresses shortfalls in readiness, and provides care for our servicemen and their families
- Funds critical programs to support the Iron Dome, Ukraine from Russian aggression, and counterterrorism programs for regional allies like Jordan
- \$59 billion to combat ISIL, support operations in Afghanistan, and increase intelligence and surveillance capabilities
- Provides funds for 7 EA-18G Growlers, 5 F-18 E/F Super Hornets, 12 KC-46 Tankers, 68 F-35 JSF, Ohio-class replacement, and 3 Littoral Combat Ships among other key modernization and procurement programs to support our military
- Prohibits closure of Guantanamo Bay and prevents transfer of detainees into the U.S.

- Increases funds for veterans by 9.8% above FY15 to support health care, job training, and reducing the claims backlog at the VA

Pro-Life provisions

- Maintains the Hyde, Tiahrt, Helms, and Kemp-Kasten Amendments
- Bans public funding for abortions in DC, within FEHBP, and for federal prisoners
- Prevents discrimination against providers who refuse to provide, pay for, or refer abortions
- Ban on gene editing of human embryos and prohibits funds for creating embryos for research and destroying embryos
- Cuts UNFPA funding by 7% (\$2.5 million)
- Bans the Legal Services Corporation from abortion-related litigation
- Requires ObamaCare healthcare plans to tell customers if they provide abortions
- Requires HHS to address complaints of violations of conscience protection
- Doubles funding for sexual risk avoidance programs

Agriculture

- Prioritizes funding to support farmers, eradicate diseases, and food safety programs
- Delays the ObamaCare menu labeling requirement

Commerce, Justice, Science

- Increases funds for law enforcement and the Department of Justice by \$2 billion to support FBI counterterrorism, cybersecurity, prosecution, and immigration courts
- Prohibits funds to implement the UN Arms Trade Treaty, the denial of permits for certain shotguns, and “Fast and Furious” type activities
- Increases funding by \$119 million above FY15 for the National Science Foundation to support neuroscience, STEM, and cybersecurity

Energy & Water

- Prohibits regulation of farm ponds and irrigation ditches and new definitions for “fill material” and “discharge of fill material”
- Fully uses revenues from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund and \$1.2 billion for the Harbor Maintenance Trust fund, as authorized in WRRDA 2014

Financial Services and General Government

- Stops inappropriate videos and conferences at the IRS
- Prohibits the White House ordering review of tax-exempt status
- Requires reports on the costs and burdens imposed by the Dodd-Frank Act

Homeland Security

- Increases funds for Customs and Border Protection to \$11 billion
- Funds Immigration and Customs Enforcement at \$5.8 billion to support additional ICE agents and personnel, combat human trafficking, and immigration enforcement
- Does not fund DHS climate change programs
- Supports FEMA’s disaster relief program and first responder grants

Interior & Environment

- Cuts EPA \$452 million below the President’s request (a 20% reduction since FY10 and the lowest staffing levels since 1989)
- Prohibits EPA implementing greenhouse gas regulations for livestock producers, creating new wilderness areas, and regulating lead content in ammo and fishing tackle
- \$670 million over FY15 for wildland firefighting and prevention (\$4.2 billion total)
- Prohibits listing the sage grouse on the Endangered Species List
- Stops new fees on ranching, aviation, and oil and gas industries
- Provides \$452 million for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

Labor-HHS-Ed

- Cuts IPAB by \$15 million
- Prevents NLRB's e-Card Check regulations and reins in OSHA's anti-business rule-making process
- Provides a \$2 billion increase for NIH (\$32 billion total) to boost funding for cancer, Alzheimer's, and brain research
- Provides \$415 million in additional funding for special education grants and \$80 million more for charter school grants

State and Foreign Operations

- Fully funds the U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding at \$3.1 billion
- Supports additional funding for anti-terrorism efforts with \$408 million
- Provides additional funds for security upgrades at embassy facilities
- Withholds funds from the UN and places conditions on assistance to Central American countries and the Palestinian Authority
- Requires reporting on Iran's nuclear weapons program, sanctions, and any separate arrangements between IAEA and Iran

Transportation & Housing and Urban Development

- Provides \$42.4 billion, as authorized in the FAST Act, from the Highway Trust Fund to invest in our nation's infrastructure
- Increases funding for rail safety by \$62 million and prevents funds for high-speed rail
- Protects small business from over regulation related to commercial trucking, weight limits, driver hours, and hazmat permitting
- Maintains housing assistance for families currently receiving assistance and supports housing for veterans, persons with disabilities, and the elderly

Additional Information (Courtesy of the Appropriations Committee):

Agriculture: http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_-_Agriculture_-_Summary.pdf

Commerce/Justice/Science:

http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_-_CJS_-_Summary.pdf

Defense: http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_-_Defense_-_Summary.pdf

Energy and Water: http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_-_Energy_and_Water_-_Summary.pdf

Financial Services: http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_-_Financial_Services_-_Summary.pdf

Homeland Security: http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_-_Homeland_Security_-_Summary.pdf

Interior and Environment:

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Labor/Health and Human Services/Education:

http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_-_LHHS_-_Summary.pdf

Legislative Branch: http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_-_Legislative_Branch_-_Summary.pdf

Military Construction/Veterans Affairs:

http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_-_MilConVA_-_Summary.pdf

State/Foreign Operations:

[http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15 FY 2016 Omnibus - SFOPS - Summary.pdf](http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_SFOPS_Summary.pdf)

Transportation/Housing and Urban Development:

[http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15 FY 2016 Omnibus - THUD - Summary.pdf](http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.15.15_FY_2016_Omnibus_THUD_Summary.pdf)