



CONGRESSIONAL VOTING ANALYSIS

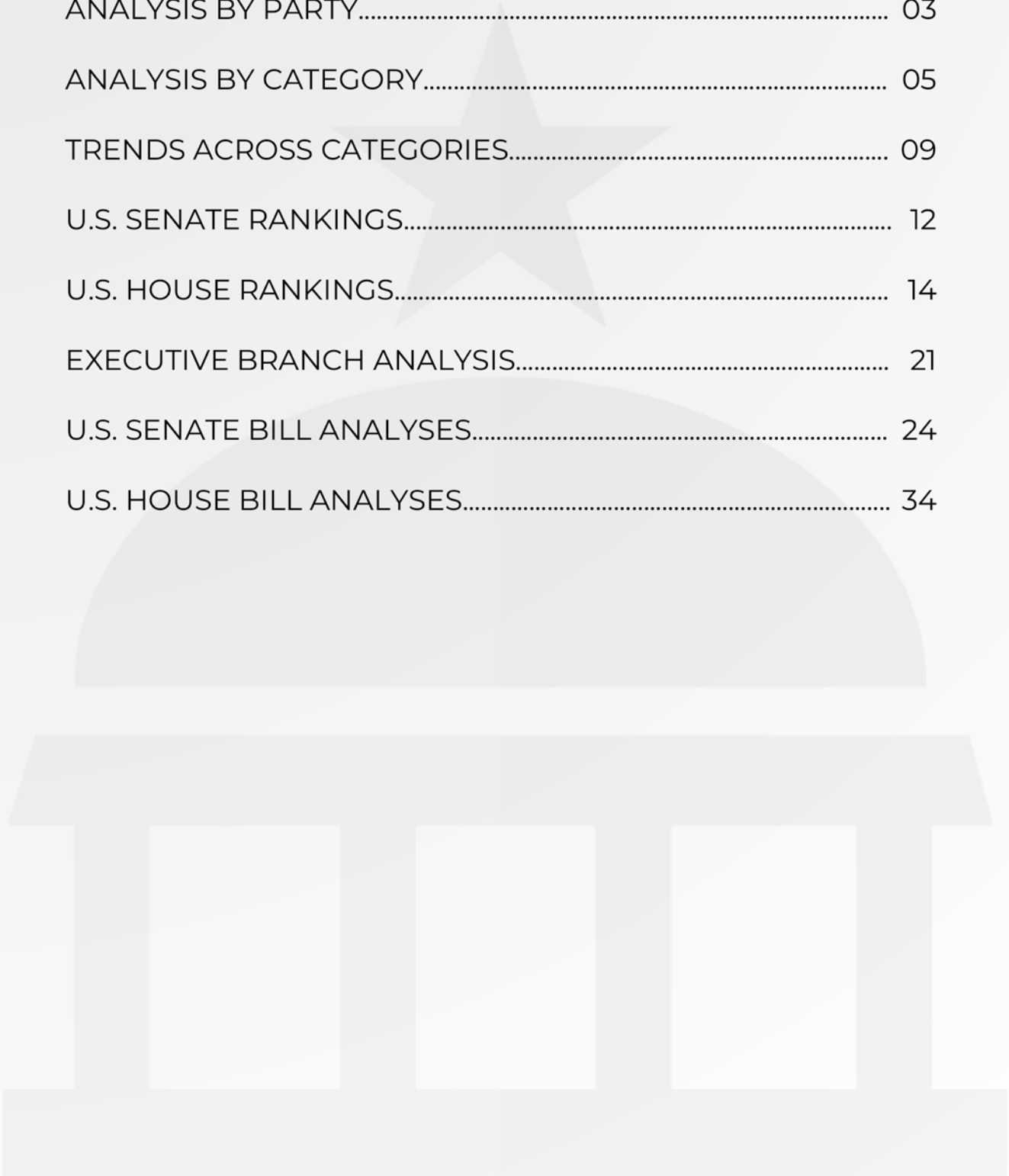
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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

The Institute for Legislative Analysis (ILA) serves as a policy and data hub for right-of-center organizations – producing the most comprehensive voting datasets for both Congress and the state legislatures. The ILA tracks, collects and categorizes lawmaker votes while providing detailed analyses on all key issues. In addition to producing research studies, the ILA provides other organizations (national and state advocacy entities, state and local political parties, PACs, etc.) with access to the ILA data platform to construct scorecards and boost their lobbying and campaigning capabilities.



ABSTRACT

The ILA study of nearly 65,000 votes cast by members of Congress last year found that the Republican party is undergoing a substantial shift in political ideology and moving away from its focus on tax and fiscal conservatism and instead prioritizing cultural and social policy. The study found that the Democratic party is largely unified around its policy priorities – with nearly all Democratic lawmakers displaying very progressive voting patterns. However, the Democratic party is also starting to display divides on a small set of issues surrounding crime, border security and national security. Finally, the report ranked all 535 members from most progressive to most conservative, while also evaluating the bill signage and veto history of the executive branch. President Biden’s record (7.69% rating) – while very progressive – placed his ideology roughly in the middle of the pack amongst Democratic members within Congress.

RESEARCH PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY

ILA collected and reviewed the 724 roll call votes introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and the 352 roll call votes introduced in the U.S. Senate that were cast between January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. To ensure the rankings were reflective of lawmaker political philosophy, the ILA performed the following:

1. Removed roll call votes from its study that were irrelevant to an evaluation of political ideology (i.e. the naming of federal office buildings and resolutions with no direct policy or fiscal implications).
2. Removed votes that were largely subjective in determining a lawmaker's view of the role of government. This included presidential nominations and votes with competing provisions.
3. Removed duplicative votes taken on both bills and policy issues.

These adjustments resulted in the ILA ultimately selecting 133 roll call votes in the U.S. House of Representatives and 58 roll call votes in the Senate for inclusion in the study. Included in the study were votes of final passage, vote on amendments, and votes on procedural motion. Each roll call vote includes an analysis on both the underlying policy and how the vote aligns or goes against limited government principles, the benchmark utilized for the study. All together, the index is made up of 63,668 lawmaker votes and executive actions, making it the most expansive and in-depth analysis conducted on the U.S. Congress.

While all roll call votes within the index were utilized for calculating category scores and examining lawmaker voting trends, eight roll call votes were removed when calculating the individual limited government ratings of lawmakers. These eight votes all pertained solely to cultural issues wherein the "limited government" stance was unclear or not applicable, such as access to abortion or certain policies relating to gender. However, cultural issues that did directly relate to limited government principles (ex. taxpayer funding of abortion) were included when calculating individual lawmaker ratings.

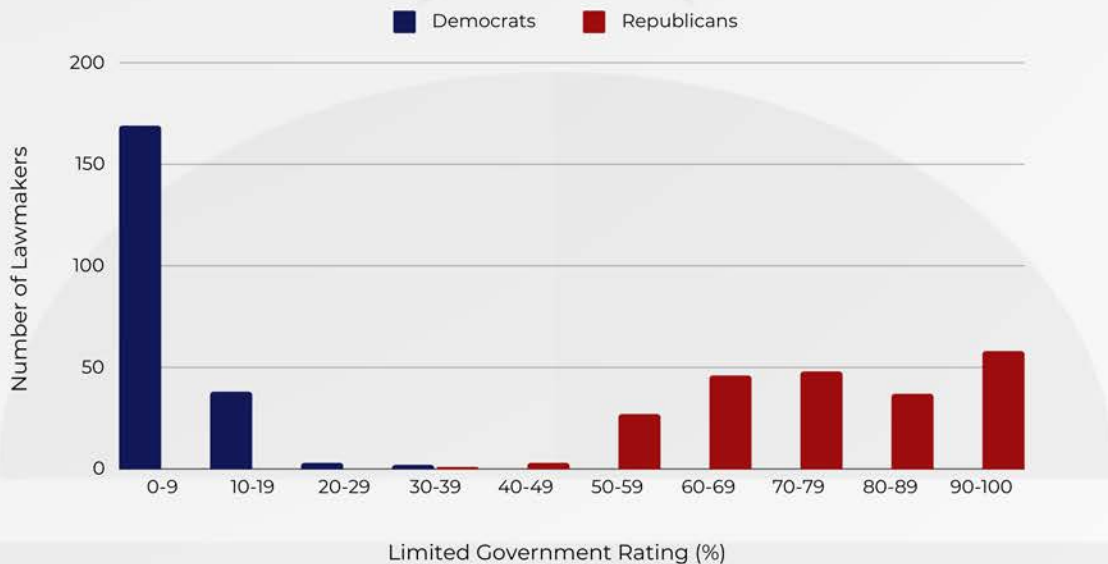
ANALYSIS OF LAWMAKER VOTING BY PARTY

The below two graphs display the ratings of each lawmaker ratings by decile (based on the full set of policy categories). The data shows that in both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, the Republican party is largely fractured in its voting, while the Democratic party is largely unified in its voting.

In the U.S. House only 26% of Republicans fell in the top decile (ratings of 90-100%) compared to 80% of Democrats falling within the bottom decile (0-9%). This distribution, coupled with the fact the average Republican rating is 77.22%, confirms there are far more moderate Republicans in the U.S. House than there are moderate Democrats (average rating is 7.50%)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

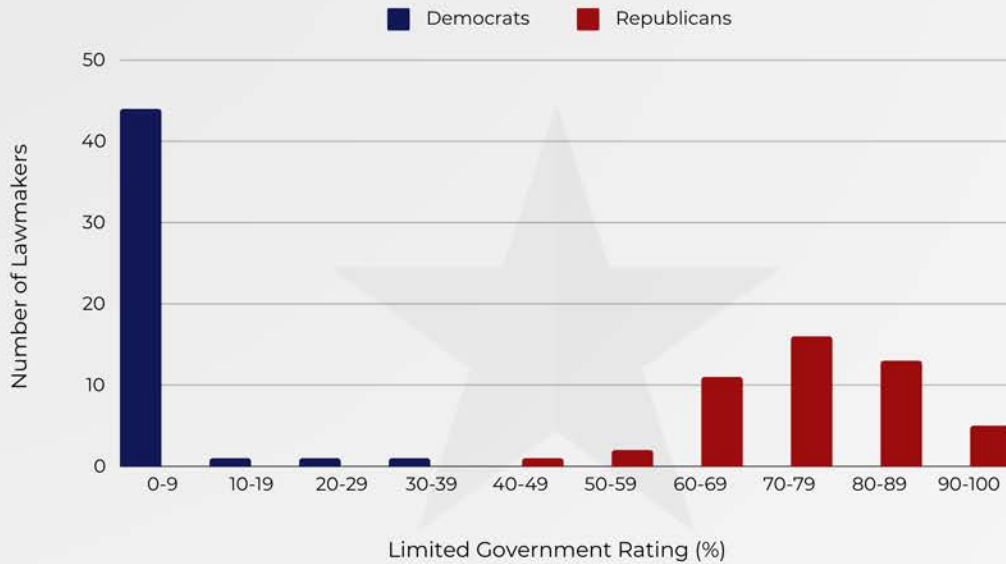
Limited Government Ratings by Decile (All Issues)



The fracture within the Republican party is even more pronounced in the U.S. Senate where only 10% of Republicans fall within the top decile (ratings of 90-100%) compared to 90% of Democrats falling within the bottom decile (0-9%). This distribution, coupled with the fact the average Republican rating is 76.23%, confirms that the majority of Republicans in the U.S. Senate are moderate, compared to the Democratic delegation which is solidly progressive (average rating is 7.75%)

U.S. SENATE

Limited Government Ratings by Decile (All Issues)



The large party fracture and wide-ranging philosophical makeup of Republicans may explain many of the highly visible challenges faced by Speakers Kevin McCarthy and Mike Johnson last year. The Democrat's largely unified voting and philosophical makeup likely makes it easier for Leader Hakeem Jeffries to govern his party.

ANALYZING THE TRENDS BY POLICY CATEGORY

Due to the expansive dataset within the study (nearly 65,000 votes), shifts in lawmaker voting patterns can for the first time be accurately evaluated and compared across policy category. Such comparisons by policy category provide critical insight into shifts and trends in lawmaker voting which cannot otherwise be easily extrapolated through a singular overall lawmaker rating.

It is worth noting that unified voting on a policy by lawmakers within a political party typically indicates the issue is of high importance to the parties' base and the policy stance has largely been solidified by the party. In contrast, significant divides on a policy amongst members of the same political party typically indicate the stance on the issue has not been solidified by the party and the issue is not of high importance.

MOST NOTEWORTHY REPUBLICAN FINDING:

The Death of the Tea Party and the Birth of the Populist and Culture War Movement

A little over a decade ago the Republican party was dominated by the Tea Party movement which advocated for a smaller government and significant reductions in the national debt and government spending.¹ The movement was supported by a number of grassroots organizations, most notably FreedomWorks which had “an elite donor network” and spent many millions of dollars each election cycle to boost fiscally minded lawmakers.²

A decade later, the priorities of the Republican party have largely shifted. Facing bankruptcy, FreedomWorks closed its doors in May of 2024.³ In its place has been the birth of new conservative organizations, such as American Compass, that support “conservative economics” as opposed to “free-market economics” and place an emphasis on families along with populist and nationalist policies.⁴ Additionally, much of the conservative movement now focuses on the “culture war,” such as combatting Critical Race Theory (CRT) and gender ideology.

Perhaps no metric showcases the transition of the Republican party better than the lawmaker voting data. Below is the voting data of Republicans across both the “Tax and Fiscal” and “Culture” categories. The data shows that cutting spending and the growth of government is no longer a priority for the vast majority of Republicans within Congress. In fact, there are now more Republicans (146) who vote more with the Democratic position on Tax and Fiscal issues (score below a 50% within the category) than there are Republicans (129) who vote with the limited government position.

1. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/12/AR2010091201425.html>

2. <https://publicintegrity.org/politics/tea-party-aligned-freedomworks-fueled-by-elite-donors/>

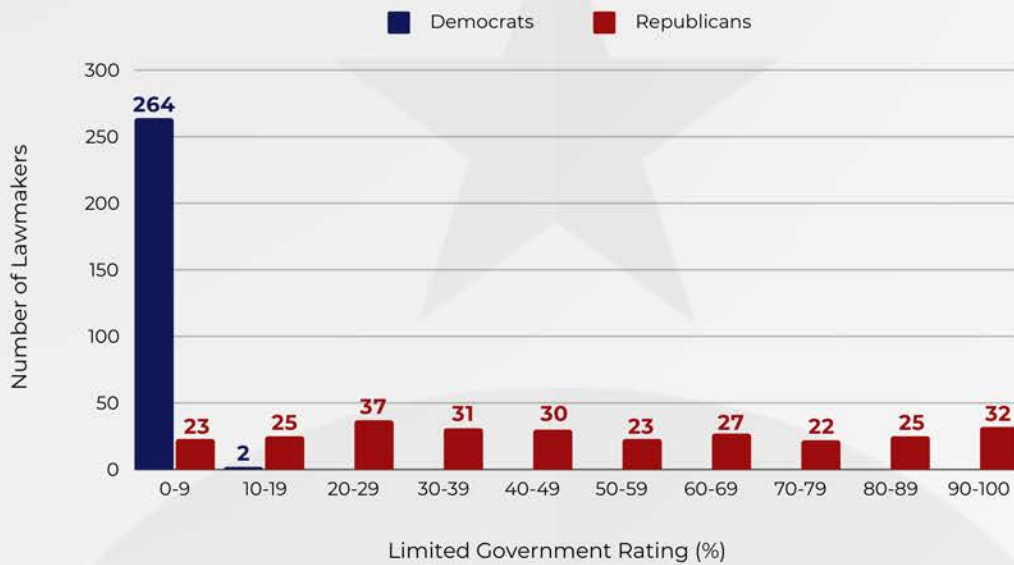
3. <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2024/05/08/freedomworks-is-closing-and-blaming-trump-00156784#:~:text=FreedomWorks%2C%20the%20once%2Dswagginger%20conservative,by%20former%20President%20Donald%20Trump>

4. <https://americancompass.org/>

A review of the data within the “Culture” category confirms that nearly every Republican in Congress is unified in opposing cultural policies such as critical race theory, transgender sports, LGBTQ and gender ideology and abortion. The Republican average in supporting the conservative position on cultural issues is 97.33% compared to just 50.63% in supporting the limited government position on tax and fiscal issues.

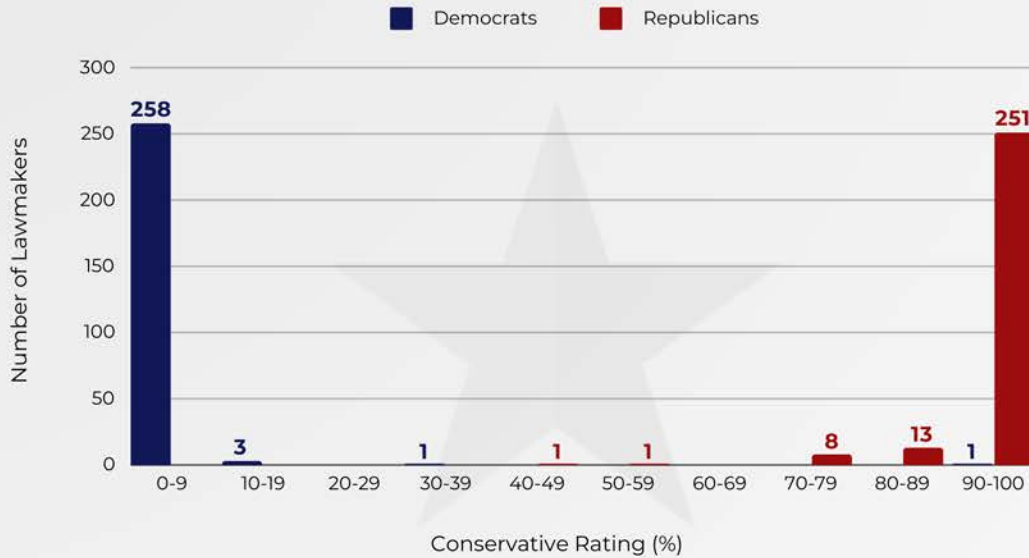
TAX & FISCAL VOTES

Limited Government Ratings by Decile



CULTURE & SOCIAL VOTES

Conservative Ratings by Decile



MOST NOTEWORTHY DEMOCRAT FINDING:

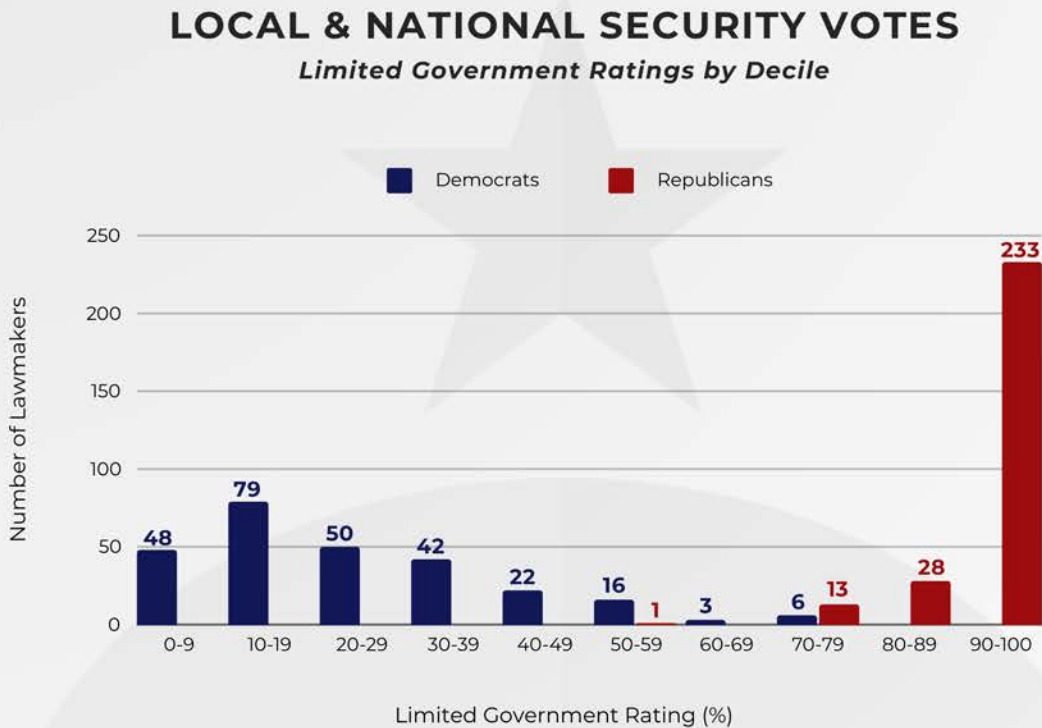
How Democrats Have Evolved on Border Security and Criminal Justice Reform

During the Trump presidency, an overwhelming majority of Democrats opposed efforts to strengthen border security and reduce illegal immigration. In fact, during the summer of 2018, multiple Democrats called for the abolishment of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).¹ Also around this time, Democrats were championing “criminal justice reform” to cut incarceration rates across the country.²

These policy positions have since largely backfired on the Democratic party. Failing to secure the border has led to a tidal wave of illegal immigration that has devastated both conservative and liberal states alike, with nearly daily reports on the crime and human trafficking that have resulted from the crisis.³ Implementation of “criminal justice reform” merely added more fuel to the fire and resulted in a national crimewave due to the associated jail breaks and soft on crime policies.⁴

1. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/12/AR2010091201425.html>
 2. <https://publicintegrity.org/politics/tea-party-aligned-freedomworks-fueled-by-elite-donors/>
 3. <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2024/05/08/freedomworks-is-closing-and-blaming-trump-00156784#:~:text=FreedomWorks%2C%20the%20once%2Dswaggering%20conservative,by%20former%20President%20Donald%20Trump>
 4. <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2020/6/26/21299267/first-step-act-trump-joseph-miedzianowski-richard-bailey-larry-hoover-marvel-thompson-paul-schiro>

A review of the voting data reveals that a shift is starting to take place in the Democratic party, likely due to the devastation resulting from the lack of border security and the criminal justice reform. While Democrats are largely unified in their voting across most every policy issue, the data confirms the Democratic party is fracturing within the “Local and National Security” category, which covers immigration, national defense, and criminal justice reform (crime).

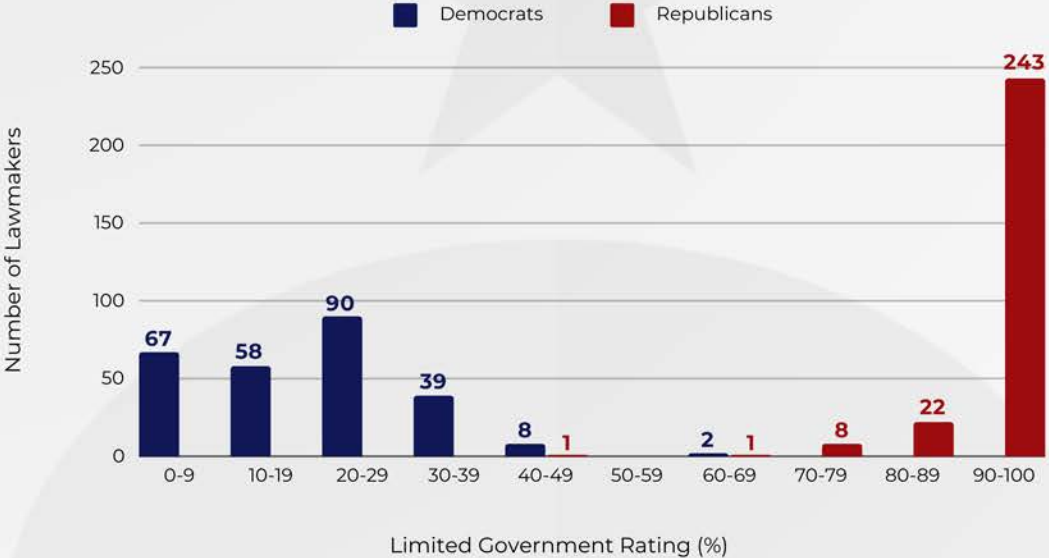


For example, only 18% of Democrats fall within the most progressive quintile (0-9%), and some Democrats even lean conservative in this policy category (scoring above 50%). Perhaps the most telling data point of this evolution is the fact that 63 Democrats supported – and President Biden signed into law – a bill introduced by the Freedom Caucus overturning a series of criminal justice reforms passed by the DC council. This marked the only substantive policy passed last session in which both President Biden and the Freedom Caucus aligned, signaling that the overturning of criminal justice reform and prioritization of public safety may become a bipartisan endeavor.

PARTY VOTING TRENDS ACROSS TOP POLICY CATEGORIES

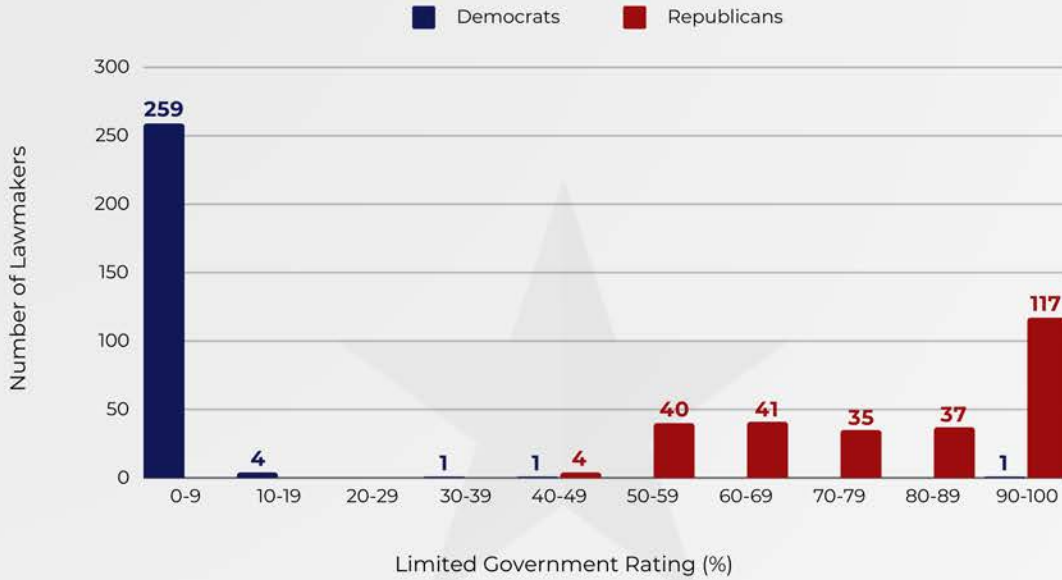
The below graphs detail how the voting of both Republicans and Democrats breaks down across each of the top policy categories. Additional category breakdowns (including for each individual lawmaker) can be found on www.limitedgov.org.

REGULATION VOTES *Limited Government Ratings by Decile*



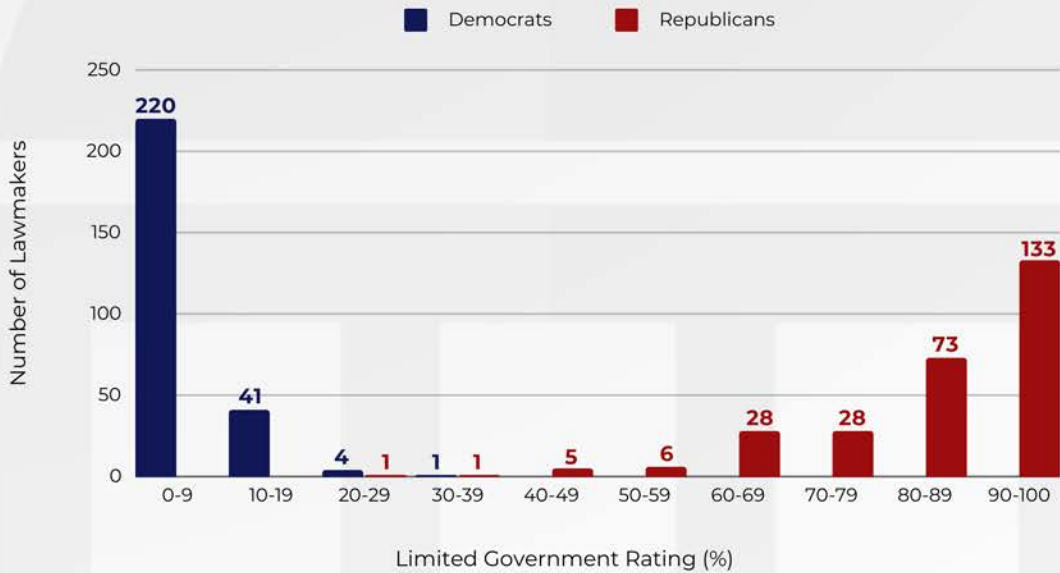
EDUCATION VOTES

Limited Government Ratings by Decile



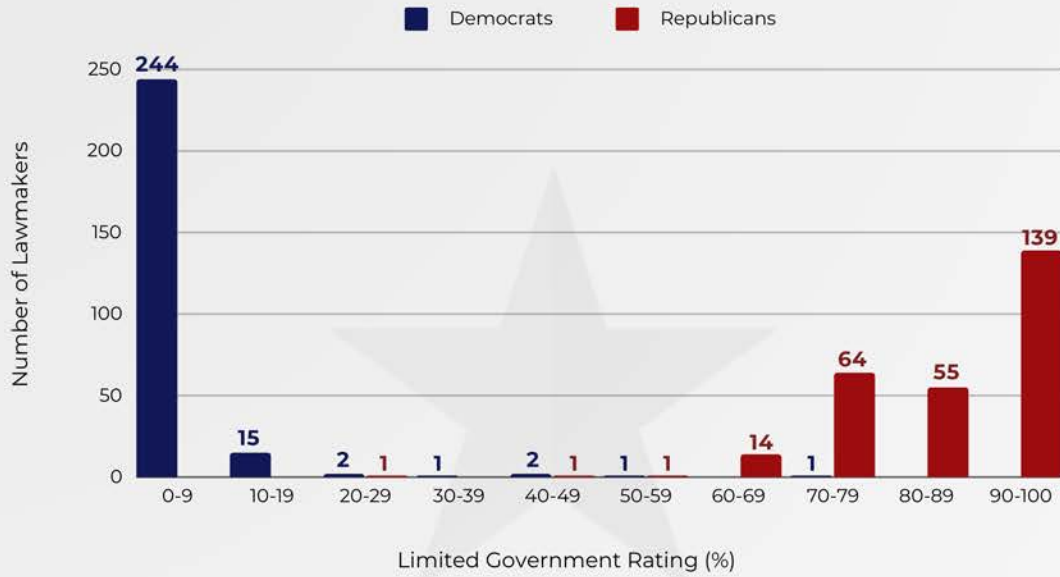
LAW & SCOPE OF GOVERNMENT VOTES

Limited Government Ratings by Decile



ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT VOTES

Limited Government Ratings by Decile



U.S. SENATE RANKINGS

All U.S. Senators were graded on a 100-point scale with a “0” representing an expansive government view (progressive) and a “100” representing a limited government view. The full voting datasets and each lawmaker’s individual ratings across 10 separate categories can be found on www.limitedgov.org.

0

100

LARGE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

LIMITED ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

MOST TO LEAST PROGRESSIVE			
98	Christopher S. Murphy	CT	1.79%
91	Richard Blumenthal	CT	3.57%
91	Benjamin L. Cardin	MD	3.57%
91	Tammy Duckworth	IL	3.57%
91	Mazie K. Hirono	HI	3.57%
91	Jack Reed	RI	3.57%
91	Brian Schatz	HI	3.57%
91	Chris Van Hollen	MD	3.57%
89	Thomas R. Carper	DE	3.64%
89	Sheldon Whitehouse	RI	3.64%
88	John Fetterman	PA	4.08%
87	Richard J. Durbin	IL	4.17%
81	Cory Booker	NJ	5.36%
81	Kirsten E. Gillibrand	NY	5.36%
81	Edward J. Markey	MA	5.36%
81	Patty Murray	WA	5.36%
81	Gary Peters	MI	5.36%
81	Elizabeth Warren	MA	5.36%
79	Bob Casey	PA	5.45%
79	Peter Welch	VT	5.45%
78	Mark Warner	VA	5.56%
76	Tina Smith	MN	5.66%
76	Raphael Warnock	GA	5.66%
75	Debbie Stabenow	MI	5.77%
74	Alex Padilla	CA	5.88%

MOST TO LEAST CONSERVATIVE			
1	Mike Lee	UT	100.00%
2	Rand Paul	KY	98.18%
3	Mike Braun	IN	92.73%
4	Tommy Tuberville	AL	92.59%
5	Eric Schmitt	MO	90.91%
6	Ron Johnson	WI	89.29%
7	Marsha Blackburn	TN	87.27%
8	J.D Vance	OH	87.04%
9	Roger Marshall	KS	85.71%
9	Rick Scott	FL	85.71%
11	Cynthia M. Lummis	WY	85.45%
12	Bill Hagerty	TN	85.42%
13	Joshua Hawley	MO	83.93%
14	Ted Cruz	TX	82.69%
15	Steve Daines	MT	82.14%
16	John Barrasso	WY	82.00%
17	Ted Budd	NC	80.36%
17	Deb Fischer	NE	80.36%
19	John Kennedy	LA	78.18%
20	John Cornyn	TX	77.36%
21	Charles E. Grassley	IA	76.79%
21	John Hoeven	ND	76.79%
21	James Lankford	OK	76.79%
21	Dan Sullivan	AK	76.79%
25	Katie Boyd Britt	AL	76.36%

MOST TO LEAST PROGRESSIVE			
73	Christopher A. Coons	DE	6.00%
67	Maria Cantwell	WA	7.14%
67	Margaret Hassan	NH	7.14%
67	Mark Kelly	AZ	7.14%
67	Ben Ray Luján	NM	7.14%
67	Bernard Sanders	VT	7.14%
67	Charles E. Schumer	NY	7.14%
66	John Hickenlooper	CO	7.27%
65	Robert Menendez	NJ	7.41%
58	Tammy Baldwin	WI	8.93%
58	Catherine Cortez Masto	NV	8.93%
58	Martin Heinrich	NM	8.93%
58	Tim Kaine	VA	8.93%
58	Jon Ossoff	GA	8.93%
58	Jeanne Shaheen	NH	8.93%
58	Ron Wyden	OR	8.93%
56	Amy Klobuchar	MN	9.09%
56	Jeff Merkley	OR	9.09%
54	Michael Bennet	CO	9.26%
54	Sherrod Brown	OH	9.26%
53	Jacky Rosen	NV	12.50%
52	Angus King	ME	12.96%
51	Kyrsten Sinema	AZ	21.43%
50	Jon Tester	MT	28.57%
49	Joe Manchin	WV	35.19%

MOST TO LEAST CONSERVATIVE			
25	Kevin Cramer	ND	76.36%
25	Michael D. Crapo	ID	76.36%
28	Joni Ernst	IA	75.86%
29	Marco Rubio	FL	75.44%
30	Jim Risch	ID	75.00%
31	Tom Cotton	AR	73.68%
32	Peter Ricketts	NE	72.41%
32	John Thune	SD	72.41%
34	Markwayne Mullin	OK	71.93%
35	Cindy Hyde-Smith	MS	70.69%
36	Jerry Moran	KS	70.18%
37	Roger Wicker	MS	68.97%
38	Thom Tillis	NC	68.63%
39	Bill Cassidy	LA	67.86%
40	Mitch McConnell	KY	67.27%
41	John Boozman	AR	67.24%
42	Lindsey Graham	SC	65.52%
42	Todd Young	IN	65.52%
44	Shelley Moore Capito	WV	63.79%
45	Mike Rounds	SD	62.07%
46	Mitt Romney	UT	60.00%
47	Lisa Murkowski	AK	52.63%
48	Susan Collins	ME	51.72%

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LARGE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

LIMITED ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

MOST TO LEAST PROGRESSIVE

432	Jasmine Crockett	TX	1.61%
431	Valerie P. Foushee	NC	1.63%
430	Raúl M. Grijalva	AZ	1.64%
429	Delia C. Ramirez	IL	1.67%
426	Greg Casar	TX	2.38%
426	Summer L. Lee	PA	2.38%
426	Rashida Tlaib	MI	2.38%
425	Ilhan Omar	MN	2.40%
424	Sylvia Garcia	TX	2.46%
423	Ayanna Pressley	MA	2.59%
422	Joaquin Castro	TX	2.73%
421	Cori Bush	MO	2.97%
420	Jill N. Tokuda	HI	3.17%
417	Donald Beyer	VA	3.23%
417	Jamaal Bowman	NY	3.23%
417	Maxine Waters	CA	3.23%
416	Frederica Wilson	FL	3.28%
414	Jerrold Nadler	NY	3.31%
414	Nydia M. Velázquez	NY	3.31%
412	Katie Porter	CA	3.33%
412	Mary Gay Scanlon	PA	3.33%
408	Judy Chu	CA	3.97%
408	Jimmy Gomez	CA	3.97%
408	Morgan McGarvey	KY	3.97%
408	Frank Pallone	NJ	3.97%

MOST TO LEAST CONSERVATIVE

1	Robert Good	VA	100.00%
1	Scott Perry	PA	100.00%
1	Chip Roy	TX	100.00%
4	Josh Brecheen	OK	99.21%
4	Paul Gosar	AZ	99.21%
6	Andy Biggs	AZ	99.20%
7	Dan Bishop	NC	99.15%
8	Michael Cloud	TX	98.41%
8	Keith Self	TX	98.41%
10	Ben Cline	VA	98.40%
10	Elijah Crane	AZ	98.40%
12	Andrew Ogles	TN	98.39%
13	Ralph Norman	SC	98.36%
14	Greg Steube	FL	98.28%
15	Eric Burlison	MO	97.62%
15	Matt Rosendale	MT	97.62%
17	Andrew Clyde	GA	97.60%
17	Mike Collins	GA	97.60%
19	Byron Donalds	FL	97.58%
20	Anna Paulina Luna	FL	96.94%
21	Jim Jordan	OH	96.83%
21	Tom McClintock	CA	96.83%
23	Tim Burchett	TN	96.77%
24	Lauren Boebert	CO	96.75%
25	Alex Mooney	WV	96.72%

MOST TO LEAST PROGRESSIVE			
402	Nanette Barragán	CA	4.00%
402	Danny K. Davis	IL	4.00%
402	Robert Garcia	CA	4.00%
402	Pramila Jayapal	WA	4.00%
402	Bill Pascrell Jr.	NJ	4.00%
402	Mark Takano	CA	4.00%
399	Maxwell Frost	FL	4.03%
399	Juan Vargas	CA	4.03%
399	Bonnie Watson Coleman	NJ	4.03%
398	Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	NY	4.07%
397	Grace F. Napolitano	CA	4.17%
396	Veronica Escobar	TX	4.20%
395	Jesús García	IL	4.24%
394	Chellie Pingree	ME	4.50%
393	Nancy Pelosi	CA	4.59%
392	Emanuel Cleaver II	MO	4.67%
386	Alma Adams	NC	4.76%
386	Yvette D. Clarke	NY	4.76%
386	Lloyd Doggett	TX	4.76%
386	Robert C. Scott	VA	4.76%
386	Brad Sherman	CA	4.76%
386	Nikema Williams	GA	4.76%
381	Lisa Blunt Rochester	DE	4.80%
381	Troy Carter	TX	4.80%
381	Al Green	TX	4.80%
381	Gregory W. Meeks	NY	4.80%
381	Linda T. Sánchez	CA	4.80%
373	Joyce Beatty	OH	4.84%
373	Adriano Espaillat	NY	4.84%
373	John Garamendi	CA	4.84%
373	Sara Jacobs	CA	4.84%
373	Hank Johnson	GA	4.84%
373	Kweisi Mfume	MD	4.84%
373	John Sarbanes	MD	4.84%
373	Adam Smith	WA	4.84%

MOST TO LEAST CONSERVATIVE			
26	Matt Gaetz	FL	96.00%
27	Jeffrey Duncan	SC	95.93%
28	Marjorie Taylor Greene	GA	95.87%
29	Harriet M. Hageman	WY	95.24%
29	Diana Harshbarger	TN	95.24%
29	Barry Moore	UT	95.24%
32	Clay Higgins	NY	95.20%
33	Warren Davidson	OH	95.16%
34	Bill Posey	FL	95.04%
35	Victoria Spartz	IN	95.00%
36	Wesley Hunt	TX	94.87%
37	Tom Tiffany	WI	94.44%
38	Lance Gooden	TX	94.40%
39	Aaron Bean	FL	93.65%
39	Russ Fulcher	ID	93.65%
39	Kevin Hern	OK	93.65%
39	Morgan Luttrell	TX	93.65%
39	Cory Mills	FL	93.65%
44	Thomas Massie	KY	93.60%
45	Pat Fallon	TX	93.50%
46	Mark Green	TN	93.44%
47	Ronny Jackson	TX	92.68%
48	Troy Nehls	TX	92.62%
49	William Timmons	SC	92.06%
49	Randy Weber	TX	92.06%
51	Debbie Lesko	AZ	92.04%
52	David Schweikert	AZ	92.00%
53	Roger Williams	TX	91.74%
54	Michael Waltz	FL	91.45%
55	Russell Fry	SC	91.27%
55	Beth Van Duyne	TX	91.27%
57	Barry Loudermilk	GA	90.98%
58	Ken Buck	CO	90.16%
59	James Comer	KY	89.60%
60	Brian Babin	TX	89.52%

MOST TO LEAST PROGRESSIVE			
369	Becca Balint	VT	4.88%
369	Sean Casten	IL	4.88%
369	Andy Kim	NJ	4.88%
369	Doris Matsui	CA	4.88%
367	Daniel S. Goldman	NY	4.92%
367	Jared Huffman	CA	4.92%
365	Gwen Moore	WI	4.96%
365	Deborah Ross	NC	4.96%
364	Bill Keating	MA	5.00%
363	Barbara Lee	CA	5.04%
362	Dwight Evans	PA	5.13%
360	Earl Blumenauer	OR	5.17%
360	Jennifer L. McClellan	VA	5.17%
359	Kevin Mullin	CA	5.41%
353	Katherine Clark	MA	5.56%
353	Gerald E. Connolly	VA	5.56%
353	Madeleine Dean	PA	5.56%
353	Jim McGovern	MA	5.56%
353	Robert Menendez	NJ	5.56%
353	Joe Neguse	CO	5.56%
348	Shontel Brown	OH	5.60%
348	André Carson	IN	5.60%
348	Jim Himes	CT	5.60%
348	Richard E. Neal	MA	5.60%
348	Lauren Underwood	IL	5.60%
342	Debbie Dingell	MI	5.65%
342	Glenn Ivey	MD	5.65%
342	Sydney Kamlager-Dove	CA	5.65%
342	Jamie Raskin	MD	5.65%
342	Adam B. Schiff	CA	5.65%
342	Lori Trahan	MA	5.65%
339	Tony Cárdenas	CA	5.69%
339	Lucy McBath	GA	5.69%
339	Mark Pocan	WI	5.69%
337	Suzanne Bonamici	OR	5.74%

MOST TO LEAST CONSERVATIVE			
60	Andy Harris	MD	89.52%
62	Kat Cammack	FL	89.43%
62	Mary Miller	IL	89.43%
64	Scott DesJarlais	TN	89.34%
65	Jim Banks	IN	89.26%
66	Gary Palmer	AL	88.43%
67	Ron Estes	KS	88.00%
68	Jodey Arrington	TX	87.39%
69	Michael C. Burgess	TX	87.30%
70	Doug Lamborn	CO	87.20%
71	Mike Johnson	LA	87.06%
72	Glenn Grothman	WI	86.51%
72	Trent Kelly	MS	86.51%
74	Richard McCormick	GA	86.40%
75	Jefferson Van Drew	NJ	85.71%
76	Carol Miller	WV	85.12%
77	Daniel Webster	FL	84.43%
78	George Santos	NY	84.26%
79	Steve Scalise	LA	84.07%
80	Scott Franklin	FL	84.00%
80	John Joyce	PA	84.00%
80	Brian Mast	FL	84.00%
80	John Rose	TN	84.00%
84	Michelle Fischbach	MN	83.33%
85	Virginia Foxx	NC	83.20%
85	Doug LaMalfa	CA	83.20%
85	Ryan K. Zinke	MT	83.20%
88	Erin Houchin	IN	82.54%
89	Scott Fitzgerald	WI	82.40%
89	Joe Wilson	SC	82.40%
91	Mark Alford	MO	81.60%
92	Mike Bost	IL	80.80%
92	Michael Guest	MS	80.80%
92	Tracey Mann	KS	80.80%
95	Brad Finstad	MN	80.65%

MOST TO LEAST PROGRESSIVE			
337	Brad Schneider	IL	5.74%
334	Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick	FL	5.79%
334	Mark DeSaulnier	CA	5.79%
334	Grace Meng	NY	5.79%
333	C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger	MD	5.83%
332	Donald M. Payne Jr.	NJ	5.88%
330	Steve Cohen	TN	6.09%
330	Robin Kelly	IL	6.09%
325	Jason Crow	CO	6.35%
325	Ted Lieu	CA	6.35%
325	Betty McCollum	MN	6.35%
325	Haley Stevens	MI	6.35%
325	Paul Tonko	NY	6.35%
322	James E. Clyburn	SC	6.40%
322	Ro Khanna	CA	6.40%
322	Raja Krishnamoorthi	IL	6.40%
319	Bill Foster	IL	6.45%
319	Brian Higgins	NY	6.45%
319	Melanie Stansbury	NM	6.45%
316	Anna G. Eshoo	CA	6.50%
316	Bennie Thompson	MS	6.50%
316	Ritchie Torres	NY	6.50%
314	Mike Quigley	IL	6.56%
314	Jan Schakowsky	IL	6.56%
312	Ann McLane Kuster	NH	6.61%
312	Zoe Lofgren	CA	6.61%
311	Steny H. Hoyer	MD	6.84%
310	Jennifer Wexton	VA	7.02%
302	Pete Aguilar	CA	7.14%
302	Julia Brownley	CA	7.14%
302	Salud Carbajal	CA	7.14%
302	Rosa DeLauro	CT	7.14%
302	Suzan K. DelBene	WA	7.14%
302	Hakeem Jeffries	NY	7.14%
302	Raul Ruiz	CA	7.14%

MOST TO LEAST CONSERVATIVE			
96	Tom Emmer	MN	80.00%
97	Richard Hudson	NC	79.51%
98	Gus Bilirakis	FL	79.20%
98	Morgan Griffith	VA	79.20%
100	Nathaniel Moran	TX	78.23%
101	Pete Sessions	TX	77.87%
102	Rick Allen	GA	77.78%
103	Dale W. Strong	AL	77.60%
104	Mike Ezell	MS	77.50%
105	Guy Reschenthaler	PA	76.98%
106	Burgess Owens	UT	76.80%
107	Robert J. Wittman	VA	76.61%
108	Jerry Carl	AL	76.19%
108	A. Drew Ferguson	GA	76.19%
108	August Pfluger	TX	76.19%
108	David Rouzer	NC	76.19%
112	Lisa McClain	MI	76.00%
113	Pete Stauber	MN	75.61%
114	Nancy Mace	SC	75.21%
115	Buddy Carter	GA	75.00%
116	Cathy McMorris Rodgers	WA	74.59%
117	Jason Smith	MO	74.38%
118	David Kustoff	TN	73.98%
119	Bruce Westerman	AR	73.81%
120	John Curtis	UT	73.60%
121	Greg Murphy	NC	73.39%
122	Greg Pence	IN	73.33%
123	Lloyd Smucker	PA	73.02%
124	Andy Barr	KY	72.50%
125	Jake Ellzey	TX	72.22%
125	Rudy Yakym	IN	72.22%
127	John Carter	TX	72.00%
127	Garret Graves	LA	72.00%
127	Dusty Johnson	SD	72.00%
130	Patrick T. McHenry	NC	71.68%

MOST TO LEAST PROGRESSIVE			
302	Emilia Strong Sykes	OH	7.14%
301	Jahana Hayes	CT	7.20%
300	Eric Swalwell	CA	7.21%
299	Diana DeGette	CO	7.26%
298	Jake Auchincloss	MA	7.32%
297	John B. Larson	CT	7.38%
296	Terri Sewell	AL	7.50%
295	Val T. Hoyle	OR	7.56%
294	Sheila Jackson Lee	TX	7.78%
290	Joe Courtney	CT	7.94%
290	Mike Levin	CA	7.94%
290	Marilyn Strickland	WA	7.94%
290	Shri Thanedar	MI	7.94%
287	Dan Kildee	MI	8.00%
287	David Scott	GA	8.00%
287	Norma Torres	CA	8.00%
286	Brendan Boyle	PA	8.06%
285	Rick Larsen	WA	8.11%
283	Kathy Castor	FL	8.13%
283	Jonathan L. Jackson	IL	8.13%
282	David Trone	MD	8.33%
281	Teresa Leger Fernandez	NM	8.47%
280	Donald W. Norcross	NJ	8.62%
277	Lois Frankel	FL	8.87%
277	Darren Soto	FL	8.87%
277	Dina Titus	NV	8.87%
276	Seth Magaziner	RI	9.02%
270	Ami Bera	CA	9.52%
270	Frank Mrvan	IN	9.52%
270	Hillary J. Scholten	MI	9.52%
270	Mike Thompson	CA	9.52%
270	Marc Veasey	TX	9.52%
270	Debbie Wasserman Schultz	FL	9.52%
268	Stephen F. Lynch	MA	9.60%
268	Scott Peters	CA	9.60%

MOST TO LEAST CONSERVATIVE			
131	Bill Johnson	OH	71.54%
132	Mike Gallagher	WI	71.43%
132	Darrell Issa	CA	71.43%
132	Robert E. Latta	OH	71.43%
132	Brad Wenstrup	OH	71.43%
136	Max L. Miller	OH	71.05%
137	Sam Graves	MO	70.97%
138	Mike D. Rogers	AL	70.63%
138	Tim Walberg	MI	70.63%
140	Kelly Armstrong	ND	70.49%
141	Mike Carey	OH	70.40%
141	Adrian Smith	WA	70.40%
141	Claudia Tenney	NY	70.40%
144	Troy Balderson	OH	69.84%
144	Bill Huizenga	MI	69.84%
146	Rick Crawford	AR	69.60%
147	Robert B. Aderholt	AL	69.17%
148	Daniel Meuser	PA	69.05%
149	Monica De La Cruz	TX	68.91%
150	Neal Dunn	FL	68.80%
150	Randy Feenstra	IA	68.80%
150	Austin Scott	GA	68.80%
153	Dan Crenshaw	TX	68.38%
154	John Moolenaar	MI	68.25%
155	Jack Bergman	MI	68.00%
155	Blaine Luetkemeyer	MO	68.00%
157	Nicholas A. Langworthy	NY	67.74%
158	Chuck Edwards	NC	67.46%
158	Elise Stefanik	NY	67.46%
160	Cliff Bentz	OR	67.20%
161	Mark Amodei	NV	66.67%
161	Bryan Steil	WI	66.67%
163	Derrick Van Orden	WI	66.39%
164	Vern Buchanan	FL	66.39%
165	Mike Kelly	PA	66.04%

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MOST TO LEAST PROGRESSIVE			
267	Steven Horsford	NV	9.68%
266	Lizzie Fletcher	TX	9.76%
265	Chrissy Houlahan	PA	9.84%
264	Ruben Gallego	AZ	9.90%
263	Joe Morelle	NY	10.17%
262	Jeff Jackson	NC	10.32%
260	Ed Case	HI	10.40%
260	Andrea Salinas	OR	10.40%
259	Matt Cartwright	PA	10.48%
258	Derek Kilmer	WA	10.57%
257	Dean Phillips	MN	10.87%
256	J. Luis Correa	CA	11.02%
252	Christopher R. Deluzio	PA	11.11%
252	Marcy Kaptur	OH	11.11%
252	Brittany Pettersen	CO	11.11%
252	Elissa Slotkin	MI	11.11%
249	Mikie Sherrill	NJ	11.20%
249	Eric Sorensen	IL	11.20%
249	Abigail Spanberger	VA	11.20%
247	Seth Moulton	MA	11.29%
247	Susan Wild	PA	11.29%
244	Josh Harder	CA	11.90%
244	Greg Landsman	OH	11.90%
244	Greg Stanton	AZ	11.90%
242	Colin Allred	TX	12.00%
242	Wiley Nickel	NC	12.00%
241	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	GA	12.70%
240	Jimmy Panetta	CA	12.80%
238	Sharice Davids	KS	13.49%
238	Patrick Ryan	NY	13.49%
237	Nikki Budzinski	IL	13.60%
234	Angie Craig	MN	14.29%
234	Josh Gottheimer	NJ	14.29%
234	Gabe Vasquez	NM	14.29%
233	Kathy Manning	NC	14.40%

MOST TO LEAST CONSERVATIVE			
166	Brett Guthrie	KY	65.87%
167	Kay Granger	TX	65.83%
168	Mike Flood	NE	65.08%
168	Jake LaTurner	KS	65.08%
170	Michelle Steel	CA	65.04%
171	John Rutherford	FL	64.80%
172	Blake Moore	UT	64.52%
173	Mike Garcia	CA	64.29%
173	Laurel M. Lee	FL	64.29%
175	French Hill	AR	64.00%
176	Tony Gonzales	TX	63.96%
177	Darin M. LaHood	IL	63.93%
178	John S. Duarte	CA	63.20%
179	Mariannette Miller-Meeks	IA	62.81%
180	James Baird	IN	62.70%
180	Ashley Hinson	IA	62.70%
182	Ann Wagner	MO	62.10%
183	Chuck Fleischmann	TN	61.90%
184	Larry Bucshon	IN	61.74%
185	Nicole Malliotakis	NY	60.98%
186	Frank D. Lucas	OK	60.87%
187	Stephanie Bice	OK	60.80%
188	Dan Newhouse	WA	60.33%
189	Julia Letlow	LA	60.32%
190	Jay Obernolte	CA	60.00%
191	Zachary Nunn	IA	59.68%
192	Christopher H. Smith	NJ	59.35%
193	Brandon Williams	NY	59.29%
194	Tom Cole	OK	58.73%
195	Michael McCaul	TX	58.54%
195	Harold Rogers	KY	58.54%
197	Juan Ciscomani	AZ	58.06%
197	Mario Diaz-Balart	FL	58.06%
197	Glenn Thompson	PA	58.06%
200	Maria Elvira Salazar	FL	57.98%

MOST TO LEAST PROGRESSIVE			
232	Susie Lee	NV	14.52%
230	Yadira Caraveo	CO	14.39%
230	Chris Pappas	NH	15.08%
229	Jim Costa	CA	15.25%
228	Kim Schrier	WA	15.87%
227	Jared Moskowitz	FL	16.95%
226	Mary Peltola	AK	17.78%
225	Vicente Gonzalez	TX	21.31%
224	Donald G. Davis	NC	22.31%
223	Marie Gluesenkamp Perez	WA	28.00%
222	Henry Cuellar	TX	31.09%
221	Jared Golden	ME	33.33%

MOST TO LEAST CONSERVATIVE			
201	Ken Calvert	CA	57.94%
202	John James	MI	57.60%
203	Carlos Giménez	FL	57.26%
204	Nick LaLota	NY	57.26%
205	Steve Womack	AR	57.14%
206	Mike Simpson	ID	56.56%
207	Jennifer Kiggans	VA	55.74%
208	Marcus J. Molinaro	NY	55.20%
209	Dave Joyce	OH	55.08%
210	Don Bacon	NE	54.76%
211	Andrew Garbarino	NY	54.62%
212	Young Kim	CA	54.40%
213	Anthony D'Esposito	NY	54.24%
214	Kevin Kiley	CA	53.97%
215	David Valadao	CA	53.60%
216	Michael R. Turner	OH	52.99%
217	Lori Chavez-DeRemer	OR	50.00%
218	Thomas H. Kean Jr.	NJ	49.60%
219	Michael Lawler	NY	46.83%
220	Brian Fitzpatrick	PA	36.51%



EXECUTIVE BRANCH ANALYSIS

The expansive data set has, for the first time, allowed the Executive branch to be graded utilizing the same metrics and scale as Congress. President Biden earned a limited government rating of 7.69%. While very progressive, this rating places him within roughly the middle of the pack amongst Democratic members within Congress.

7.69%

LIMITED
GOVERNMENT
RATING

 Executive action against Limited Government

 Executive action with Limited Government

H.R. 2670 Authorizing a Defense Bill without the Removal of Countless Radical Left Policies Surrounding Abortion, Transgenderism, Critical Race Theory, and Civil Liberty Violations.

Signed

This bill, the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024", lays out how the Pentagon will be funded for the next year and includes \$886 billion in defense spending. Most notably, this conference version of the bill removes Republican provisions that end Pentagon practices that facilitate abortion, enable taxpayer-funded sex reassignment surgeries, and promote Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in the armed forces. Furthermore, the bill reauthorizes the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which has been utilized to conduct surveillance on Americans without a warrant, including President Trump's previous campaign for president. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as Pentagon funding should be contingent on both a full audit, due to reports of tens of billions of taxpayer funds being "misplaced", and safeguards that protect funds from being utilized for politicized and other improper purposes. The FISA reauthorization violates the protections provided to Americans against unreasonable searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

H.R. 5860 Harming the Ability to Negotiate a Fiscally-Responsible Budget by Passing a CR that Delays a Government Shutdown to Right Before the Holidays.

Signed

This bill, the "Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act" serves as a short-term "CR" that funds government for another 45 days, delaying an otherwise imminent government shutdown to right before the holidays. While this CR contains no funding for

Ukraine, it does provide \$16 billion in additional federal disaster funds - \$10 billion more than previously negotiated - and the full amount sought by President Biden. The CR follows previous funding proposals by Republicans, which contained conservative policy items like border security and spending cuts. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this "kick the can down the road" approach weakens the ability of conservatives to obtain meaningful spending cuts. The measure shifts negotiations to right before the holidays when history has shown (as recently as the previous year) lawmakers refuse to make any spending cuts or shutdown government. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

H.R. 6363 Continuing Out-of-Control Spending Through a CR Without Any Fiscal Restraints or Border Security Measures.

Signed

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H.R. 4366 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a Minibus Appropriations Package with "Historic" Levels of New Welfare Spending and Enormous Agency Budgets.

Signed

This "Minibus" appropriations package provides a year of funding for certain government agencies and functions including veterans affairs, agriculture, transportation, housing and military construction. The package includes several "historic" spending hikes in a range of areas including military construction and government welfare programs surrounding housing. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this bill represents yet another example of fiscal insanity. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

S.J. Res. 32 Combatting Regulatory Overreach by Nullifying Biden Administration Rules Forcing Banks to Report and Publish Additional Data Pertaining to Race, Ethnicity, and Sex.

Vetoed

This resolution introduced by Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify a rule issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau titled "Small Business Lending under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)". This rule implements a section of the Dodd-Frank Act and requires banks to collect and report data on race, ethnicity, and sex across 81 fields. The sponsor noted this rule imposes a significant additional cost on lenders and creates privacy concerns for small businesses that do not want such information made public. Support is the Limited Government Position as this Biden Administration rule further worsens the draconian regulatory framework of Dodd-Frank, while unnecessarily driving up lending costs and infringing privacy rights.

S.J. Res. 24 Protecting Property Rights by Nullifying an Overreaching Biden Administration Rule Concerning the Northern-Long Eared Bat on the Endangered Species Act.

Vetoed

This bill, "making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024", is a "CR" that funds portions of government through January 19, 2024 or February 2, 2024, depending on the department. The CR does not contain provisions demanded by conservative lawmakers, such as spending cuts or border security measures. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this "kick the can down the road" approach weakens the ability of conservatives to obtain meaningful spending cuts. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

S.J. Res. 9 Protecting Property Rights by Nullifying an Overreaching Biden Administration Rule Concerning the Lesser Prairie Chicken on the Endangered Species Act.

Vetoed

This resolution introduced by Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify a rule issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a rule that placed population segments of the lesser prairie chicken on either the "threatened" or "endangered" list of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The classifications have an impact on farming and ranching activities. Support is the Limited Government Position as the rule results in a disproportionate regulatory burden imposed by unaccountable bureaucrats who weaken property rights and drive-up costs for farmers and ranchers.

H.R. 3746 Advancing a U.S. Financial Collapse by Lifting the Debt Limit without Enacting Any Significant Fiscal Restraints to Stop the Deficit Spending.

Signed

This bill, the "Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023", raises the \$31.4 trillion U.S. debt ceiling through January 1, 2025. The bill is estimated to allow for \$4 trillion in additional debt while providing roughly \$1.5 trillion in discretionary spending reductions over ten years, which may or may not be fully realized. The bill also paves the way for a natural gas pipeline from West Virginia to Virginia and claws back some funding, which was provided to the Internal Revenue Service to hire additional employees. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as the budgetary gimmicks within the bill provide little, if any, significant reduction in spending, merely continuing the country's march to a financial collapse. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

H.J. Res. 45 Protecting Taxpayers by Blocking \$650 Billion in Student Loan Forgiveness Authorized by the Biden Administration.

Vetoed

This resolution introduced by Rep. Bob Good (R-VA) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the rule issued by the Department of Education on October 12, 2022, that suspends federal student loan payments and discharges debt. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the total cost of the Biden administration's student loan forgiveness plan is between \$500 billion and \$650 billion. Support is the Limited Government Position as the Biden administration's plan further expands wealth redistribution through higher education. While it is a necessary role for government to provide quality K-12 education, individuals who elect to pursue activities other than higher education - such as those who start their own businesses or work in the trades - should not be forced to pay for others' college tuition. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

H.J. Res. 42 Combatting Skyrocketing Crime and Attacks on Police by Overturning the D.C. Council's Dangerous Policing and Criminal Justice Reforms.

Vetoed

This resolution, introduced by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA), overturns the D.C. Council's Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2022. According to the sponsor, the District has lost over 1,000 officers and the D.C. Council's act "gives more power to anti-police activists, allows individual police officers to be targeted by protestors, and strips officers of collective bargaining rights regarding discipline." Support is the Limited Government Position as protecting property rights and ensuring public safety through a well-staffed police force serve as essential components of government. Unfortunately, so-called criminal justice "reforms", like the DC Council's acts have led to skyrocketing crime rates and are being advanced across the nation by George Soros and other left-leaning Billionaires through their funding of advocacy organizations.

H.J. Res. 26 Overturning a Package of Dangerous Criminal Justice Reforms in DC that Weaken Mandatory Minimum Sentences and Fuel Greater Lawlessness.

Signed

This resolution, introduced by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA), overturns the D.C. Council's Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022. The act contained several criminal justice reforms that would cut mandatory minimum sentences and reduced penalties for a range of violent crimes, including carjackings, robberies, and homicides. Support is the Limited Government Position as mandatory minimum sentences are critical measures that help combat the practice of "judge shopping" whereby career criminals attempt to have their cases moved to be heard by the most lenient judge to avoid significant penalties. The D.C. Council's criminal justice "reforms" would lead to skyrocketing crime rates, which has been the case of similar reform policies which have been advanced across the nation by George Soros and other left-leaning Billionaires through their funding of advocacy organizations.

H.J. Res 27 Strengthening Property Rights by Overturning Biden Administration Regulations Providing the EPA Overreaching Authority under the Waters of the United States Rule.

Vetoed

This resolution introduced by Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the Environmental Protection Agency rule titled "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'". This Biden administration rule overturned the reforms implemented by the Trump administration and provides the EPA with much more expansive regulatory authority than it was initially granted under the Obama administration. As a result, the EPA's regulatory authority includes not only rivers and wetlands, but ephemeral streams and ditches under the Clean Water Act. Support is the Limited Government Position as the Biden and Obama

administrations granted the EPA carte-blanche authority to regulate practically any standing amount of water, which resulted in property rights being infringed and enormous additional costs for landowners.

H.J. Res. 30 Overturning a Biden Administration Rule Authorizing Fiduciaries to Invest in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Factors Against their Clients Best Interests.

Vetoed

This resolution, introduced by Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY), utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the Department of Labor rule titled "Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights". Under current law, managers of retirement plans are required to base their investment decisions on what is in the best interest of making their client's portfolios grow. Under the Biden administration rule, fiduciaries can now base their investment decisions on political environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors even if they are not in the best financial interest of their clients. Support is the Limited Government Position as, while all individuals should have the right to have their savings invested in the manor of their choosing, this politicized ESG rule will provide countless new avenues for deviant fiduciaries to act against their unknowing clients best interests and enrich certain companies and industries.

U.S. SENATE BILL ANALYSIS

1. **H.R. 2670 Authorizing a Defense Bill without the Removal of Countless Radical Left Policies Surrounding Abortion, Transgenderism, Critical Race Theory, and Civil Liberty Violations.**

This bill, the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024", lays out how the Pentagon will be funded for the next year and includes \$886 billion in defense spending. Most notably, this conference version of the bill removes Republican provisions that end Pentagon practices that facilitate abortion, enable taxpayer-funded sex reassignment surgeries, and promote Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in the armed forces. Furthermore, the bill reauthorizes the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which has been utilized to conduct surveillance on Americans without a warrant, including President Trump's previous campaign for president. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as Pentagon funding should be contingent on both a full audit, due to reports of tens of billions of taxpayer funds being "misplaced", and safeguards that protect funds from being utilized for politicized and other improper purposes. The FISA reauthorization violates the protections provided to Americans against unreasonable searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

2. **H.R. 2670 (Sen. Paul Point of Order) Weakening Civil Liberties by Maintaining the FISA Provision within the NDAA, which has Allowed the Warrantless Surveillance of the Trump Campaign and Thousands of Other Americans.**

This motion waives (defeats) Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) Point of Order to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024". The Point of Order removes the extension of Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) from the bill. This section of FISA has been utilized to conduct surveillance on Americans without a warrant, including President Trump's previous campaign for president. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this motion helps strengthen civil liberties. The reauthorization of this FISA section violates the protections provided to Americans against unreasonable searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

3. **H.R. 5860 Harming the Ability to Negotiate a Fiscally-Responsible Budget by Passaging a CR that Delays a Government Shutdown to Right Before the Holidays.**

This bill, the "Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act" serves as a short-term "CR" that funds government for another 45 days, delaying an otherwise imminent government shutdown to right before the holidays. While this CR contains no funding for Ukraine, it does provide \$16 billion in additional federal disaster funds - \$10 billion more than previously negotiated - and the full amount sought by President Biden. The CR follows previous funding proposals by Republicans, which contained conservative policy items like border security and spending cuts. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this "kick the can down the road" approach weakens the ability of conservatives to obtain meaningful spending cuts. The measure shifts

negotiations to right before the holidays when history has shown (as recently as the previous year) lawmakers refuse to make any spending cuts or shutdown government. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

4. **H.R. 3935 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending by Providing \$6 Billion in Additional Funding to Ukraine and Passing a Short-Term CR that Weakens the Chance of Passing a Responsible Budget.**

This bill, a stopgap spending bill known as a "Continuing Resolution" funds government for another 45 days, delaying an otherwise imminent government shutdown to right before the holidays. This CR also contains \$6.15 billion in additional funding for Ukraine and \$6 billion in federal disaster relief funding. The CR follows previous funding proposals by Republicans, which contained conservative policy items like border security and spending cuts. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this "kick the can down the road" approach weakens the ability of conservatives to obtain meaningful spending cuts. The measure shifts negotiations to right before the holidays when history has (as recently as the previous year) lawmakers refuse to make any spending cuts or shutdown government. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

5. **H.R. 6363 Continuing Out-of-Control Spending Through a CR Without Any Fiscal Restraints or Border Security Measures.**

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6. **H.R. 6363 (Amd. #1366) Advancing Fiscal Responsibility Through a 15% Cut in Spending within the Short-Term CR Government Funding Bill.**

The Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) amendment #1366 to the continuing resolution would reduce funding by 15 percent (except for the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs) and rescind \$30 billion for the enforcement funds provided to the IRS as part of President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment serves as a step in the right direction to restoring fiscal sanity in Congress. Lawmakers

must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

7. H.R. 4366 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a Minibus Appropriations Package with "Historic" Levels of New Welfare Spending and Enormous Agency Budgets.

This "Minibus" appropriations package provides a year of funding for certain government agencies and functions including veterans affairs, agriculture, transportation, housing and military construction . The package includes several "historic" spending hikes in a range of areas including military construction and government welfare programs surrounding housing. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this bill represents yet another example of fiscal insanity. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

8. H.R. 4366 (Amd. #1121) Placing a Critical Check on the Regulatory Power of Unelected Bureaucrats Through the REINS Act.

The Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) amendment #1121 to the Minibus Appropriations Package adds the "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny" (REINS) Act to the package. The REINS Act would require Congress to affirmatively approve every new major rule proposed by the executive branch before it is permitted to become effective. The sponsor noted that in 2022 the Biden Administration imposed an additional \$117.1 billion in additional regulatory costs onto the U.S. economy. Support is the Limited Government Position as the REINS Act places a critical check on unaccountable executive branch bureaucrats who have enormous powers to control the daily lives of Americans.

9. H.R. 4366 (Amd. #1249) Protecting U.S. Standings Abroad and American Farmers by Enforcing a Treaty Commitment with Mexico.

The Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) amendment #1249 to the Minibus Appropriations Package enforces a provision of a treaty made between the United States and Mexico in 1944. Specifically, the amendment requires water negotiators to press Mexico to meet the 350,000 acre-feet of water the country committed to provide American farmers in the Rio Grande Valley. Support is the Limited Government Position as lawmakers should ensure any treaty commitments by foreign nations to the U.S. are enforced and upheld. Failure to do so not only weakens the standing of the United States abroad, but, in this case, harms American farmers, as they face a severe drought.

10. H.R. 4366 (Amd. #1217) Promoting Transparency over the Federal Reserve System by Requiring an Audit of the Unaccountable Entity.

The Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) amendment #1217 to the Minibus Appropriations Package requires an audit of the

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks. The sponsor noted that the FED effectively controls the economy but has completely unchecked power to print money, purchase government-backed securities, and provide money to favored industries. During the COVID-19 pandemic \$5 trillion was added to the Fed's balance sheet, the largest in its over 100-year history. Support is the Limited Government Position as the FED, with its central planning and control over interest rates, presents a dire danger to the economy - especially considering the size of its balance sheet and actions surrounding quantitative easing. While this measure serves as a step in the right direction, lawmakers should work to promote the free competition of alternative currencies by removing regulatory barriers.

11. H.R. 4366 (Amd. #1243) Safeguarding Democracy by Defunding Biden's Executive Order that Utilizes Taxpayer Resources to Advance Partisan Politics Through Voter Mobilization Activities.

The Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC) amendment #1243 to the Minibus Appropriations Package prohibits funds from being used to enforce President Biden's Executive Order # 14019, "Promoting Access to Voting". According to the sponsor, the executive order empowers federal agencies to use taxpayer funds to implement or enter into agreements with partisan organizations that conduct voter mobilization activities. Support is the Limited Government Position as taxpayer resources should not be utilized to advance partisan politics. Such actions undermine our election process and democracy.

12. H.R. 4366 (Amd. #1347) Advancing Fiscal Responsibility through a \$30 Billion Cut in Discretionary Spending within the Minibus Appropriations Package and Rescinding \$25 Billion in IRS Funding.

The Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) amendment #1347 to the Minibus Appropriations Package cuts roughly \$30 billion in discretionary spending, placing it back at the level approved by the House Appropriations Committee. Additionally, the bill rescinds \$25 billion provided for IRS enforcement in the 2022 climate and tax law. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment serves as a step in the right direction to restoring fiscal sanity in Congress. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

13. H.R. 4366 (Amd. #1182) Restoring Fiscal Responsibility by Prohibiting Earmarks within the Minibus Appropriations Package that Drive Runaway Spending for Lawmaker Pet Projects.

The Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) amendment #1182 to the Minibus Appropriations Package prohibits any funding from being utilized to implement any earmark, community project funding, or congressionally directed spending. Earmarks direct funds to a specific recipient or congressional district while circumventing merit-based or competitive funds allocation processes. Support is the Limited Government Position as earmarks fuel corruption

within the political process and incentivize runaway and wasteful spending for lawmaker pet projects. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

14. S.J. Res. 42 Preventing the Weaponization of the Federal Appropriations Process by Bureaucrats Attempting to Push Policies Surrounding Transgenderism in Local Schools.

This resolution introduced by Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the policy update issued by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) on May 5, 2022 relating to discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation. According to the sponsor, this policy is "weaponizing funding for school lunch programs in an effort to force public schools to embrace Joe Biden's transgender agenda", such as "requiring biological boys to be given access to girls bathrooms and locker rooms or allow biological boys to compete against biological girls in girls' sports". Support is the Limited Government Position as federal funding should not be weaponized by unaccountable bureaucrats to advance politicized initiatives, especially those surrounding sensitive issues that should be handled at the local level by school boards accountable to parents.

15. S. 2226 (Amd. #1078) Growing Government Dependency and Out-of-Control Spending through the Reauthorization of an Old Native American Welfare Program with a History of Corruption.

The Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) amendment #1078 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" reauthorizes the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 which expired in 2013. This welfare program provides tribes block grants that may be utilized for a wide range of purposes surrounding affordable housing, such as housing development, rental assistance, and public housing projects. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this bill not only hikes government spending for a program with a history of corruption, but grows government dependency. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

16. S. 2226 (Amd. #1065) Providing an Additional \$676 million to the 9/11 Compensation Fund without Desperately Needed Reforms to Prevent Continued Cash Grabs by Law Firms.

The Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) amendment #1065 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" provides an additional \$450 million to the World Trade Center Health Program as well as expands the program (with another \$200 million) to now cover the Pentagon and Shanksville. This program, which currently has over 120,000 enrollees, provides compensation for health conditions that individuals may develop who were near the Twin Towers on 9/11 or sometime over the following nine months, including first responders,

residents, workers, teachers, students, tourists, etc. Due to the benefits of the program, such as compensation for physical and mental health conditions - including loss of income and pain and suffering that may have been incurred from the event - the trust fund continues to run low on funds and outpace expected expenditures. For example, just seven months earlier, the fund was provided with \$1 billion in additional funding under a previous Gillibrand amendment to an appropriations bill that was expected to last until 2027. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this well-intended program has been abused at the expense of both victims and taxpayers by greedy plaintiffs' attorneys who search for any individual who may have briefly been in the vicinity during the months following the event and then work to extract non-economic damages. First responders and workers who spent substantial time assisting with the clean-up of the tragedy deserve care for the health complications that they sustained due to their work. To ensure this, reforms should be implemented to stop this abuse before additional funding is provided.

17. S. 2226 (Amd. #1058) Threatening a Fiscal Nightmare Through the Creation of a New Entitlement Program for any Resident of the St. Louis Region Since 1949 Potentially Impacted by the Manhattan Project.

The Sen. Joshua Hawley (R-MO) amendment #1058 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" establishes a new entitlement program for residents in St. Louis, Missouri and the surrounding regions who may have been exposed to radioactive contamination from nuclear waste during the federal government-run Manhattan Project. Any individuals who had been present in the regions for any two year period since 1949 would be entitled to compensation if they contracted a cancer or other specified disease. Spouses and children would also be able to obtain compensation if the family member died. The amendment does not contain any funding for the new entitlement, which is estimated to cost at a minimum of between \$50 to \$100 billion over the next ten years. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as, while well-intended, creation of such an entitlement program without extremely carefully crafted safeguards and limited eligibility could result in a fiscal catastrophe. For example, the previous amendment to this same bill by Sen. Gillibrand, which pertained to the World Trade Center Health Program, demonstrates the skyrocketing costs such entitlement programs create. Unfortunately, greedy plaintiffs' attorneys seek out any individual who may be remotely impacted by an event and work to extract enormous payouts all at the expense of taxpayers.

18. S. 2226 (Amd. #1034) Ensuring U.S. Funds and Dividends at the International Monetary Fund are Not Channeled to Countries that Sponsor Terrorism without Congressional Approval.

The Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) amendment #1034 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" prevents funds contributed to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from being channeled to countries that sponsor genocide or state backed terrorism, unless such funds are authorized by the U.S. Congress. The amendment specifically pertains to IMF's "special drawing rights" process. Support is the Limited Government Position as, while the U.S. should arguably

not be putting up over \$100 billion to the IMF, these funds and the associated dividends provided through "special drawing rights" should certainly not be received by state sponsors of terrorism or other adversaries of the U.S.

19. S. 2226 (Amd. #874) Ensuring Only American Flags and Not Politicized or Cultural Flags Such as LGBTQ+ Pride are Flown at Military Installations and U.S. Embassies.

The Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS) amendment #874 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" prohibits flags other than the flag of the United States from being flown or displayed at any military installation or federal embassy or consulate. The bill is largely in response to LGBTQ+ flags being displayed during pride month at certain federal buildings. Support is the Conservative Position as taxpayer funded installations should not be utilized for purposes of promoting politicized or divisive social issues.

20.S. 2226 (Amd. #438) Protecting Taxpayer Funds from Waste, Fraud and Abuse by Requiring an Audit and Investigation into the \$113 Billion in U.S. Funding Provided to Ukraine.

The Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) amendment #438 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" requires an independent and objective audit and investigation be conducted into the over \$113 billion in funding the United States has provided Ukraine. The sponsor noted that, so far, departmental inspectors' generals have not substantiated any cases of fraud despite the enormous sums of cash delivered to the war-torn nation and cases of even Ukrainian journalists reporting fraud. Support is the Limited Government Position as all taxpayer funds, regardless of their purpose, should be properly accounted for and necessary safeguards should be established to protect against waste, fraud and, abuse.

21. S. 2226 (Amd. #421) Ensuring U.S. Service Members Dismissed as the Result of the COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate May Seek Reinstatement and Have their Discharge Statuses Changed.

The Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) amendment #421 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" allows U.S. servicemembers who were dismissed as the result of the Biden Administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate to seek reinstatement or a change in their discharge status. The amendment also restores their lost GI and VA benefits. Support is the Limited Government Position as not only was the COVID-19 vaccine ineffective in controlling the virus, but the mandate also resulted in the dismissal of over 8,400 service members and hurt recruitment. The COVID-19 vaccination mandate represented a clear example of government overreach and all service members who were dismissed should be allowed to once again serve their country.

22. S. 2226 (Amd. #376) Strengthening NATO Accountability by Withholding Aid for Ukraine Until the Other NATO Member Nations Meet their Obligation of Two Percent of GDP Defense Spending.

The Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) amendment #376 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" requires all member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to meet their commitment of two percent of GDP defense spending before the U.S. provides additional funds to Ukraine. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure helps place pressure on the other members of NATO to meet their commitments. The taxpayers of the U.S. should not be forced to continue shouldering a disproportionate share of the financial burden.

23.S. 2226 (Amd. #838) Combatting Budgetary Gimmicks in Ukraine Spending by Ensuring Equipment Valuation is Based on Actual Cost to Taxpayers and Not Lower Depreciation Values.

The Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) amendment #838 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" provides clarity to the term "aggregate value" in relation to calculating the monetary value of equipment being provided to Ukraine under Presidential drawdown authority. Under the amendment, "aggregate value" refers to the cost of the equipment to the American people, not depreciation. The amendment would result in a reduced amount of equipment being provided to Ukraine per dollar amount approved by Congress. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment helps protect taxpayers by prohibiting the Biden Administration from utilizing budgetary gimmicks to provide larger amounts of aid to Ukraine than approved by Congress.

24.S. 2226 (Amd. #222) Ensuring NATO Does Not Supersede Congress' Constitutional Authority to Declare War.

The Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) amendment #222 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" clarifies that Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty does not supersede the constitutional requirement that Congress declare war before the United States engages in war. Support is the Limited Government Position as the ultimate decision as to whether the economy and, most importantly, American lives be placed at risk through warfare should be determined by Congress - as enshrined in the U.S. constitution - not a foreign entity.

25.S. 2226 (Amd. #429) Handicapping a Future Trump Administration from Negotiating and Pulling the U.S. Out of NATO if Other Member Nations Fail to Make their Contributions.

The Sen. Tim Kaine (R-VA) amendment #429 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" prevents the President from withdrawing the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) unless approved by a two-thirds vote of the senate or an act of Congress. The amendment is largely directed at threats President Trump has made about withdrawing the country from NATO unless the member countries meet their obligations to contribute two percent of their GDP towards defense. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this ill-conceived amendment handicaps the ability of the executive branch, regardless of party,

administration, or sitting president, to negotiate and hold NATO members accountable. American taxpayers are being forced to shoulder unfair financial burdens due to other countries failing to contribute their agreed upon amounts.

26.S. 2226 (Amd. #926) Prohibiting the Draining of the U.S. Strategic Oil Reserve to Bolster Adversary Nations

The Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) amendment #926 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" prohibits the sale of emergency crude oil within the United States' strategic petroleum reserve to four adversary nations unless doing so serves a national security interest or is approved by Congress. The four nations are China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. The bill is largely in response to actions taken by the Biden Administration, which have drained the reserves to their lowest level since 1983. Support is the Limited Government Position as, while the sale of taxpayer resources should be maximized, oil represents a critical national security resource, and U.S. reserves should not be drained in order to build up the stockpiles of our adversaries.

27.H.R. 4366 (Amd. #1359) Ensuring Veterans don't Lose their Second Amendment Rights if they Seek Assistance to Manage their Finances at the VA.

The Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) amendment #1359 to the Minibus Appropriations Package corrects a practice whereby veterans lose their Second Amendment rights if they seek assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to have their financial affairs managed. Currently, when a fiduciary is appointed to help manage the financial affairs of a veteran, the VA automatically reports the veteran to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and the veteran loses their right to have a firearm. This amendment prevents the automatic revocation of Second Amendment rights by instead requiring a judge to rule the veteran is a danger to themselves or others with a firearm. Support is the Limited Government Position as Veterans should not be forced to choose between receiving assistance with their finances or losing their Second Amendment Rights through this poorly devised, one-size-fits-all policy.

28.H.R. 4366 (Amd. #1237) Reducing Housing and Taxpayer Costs by Nullifying a Biden Administration Rule Imposing More Stringent Energy Efficiency Standards on Government Subsidized or Financed Housing.

The Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) amendment #1237 to the Minibus Appropriations Package prohibits funding of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rule titled "Adoption of Energy Efficiency Standards for New Construction of HUD- and USDA-Financed Housing". This HUD rule subjects housing projects financed or subsidized with federal funds to meet much more stringent energy efficiency standards. Support is the Limited Government Position as the new energy efficiency mandates imposed by HUD unnecessarily drive-up housing and taxpayer costs in order to advance a politicized climate change agenda.

29.S.J. Res. 32 Combatting Regulatory Overreach by Nullifying Biden Administration Rules Forcing Banks to Report and Publish Additional Data Pertaining to Race, Ethnicity, and Sex.

This resolution introduced by Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify a rule issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau titled "Small Business Lending under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)". This rule implements a section of the Dodd-Frank Act and requires banks to collect and report data on race, ethnicity, and sex across 81 fields. The sponsor noted this rule imposes a significant additional cost on lenders and creates privacy concerns for small businesses that do not want such information made public. Support is the Limited Government Position as this Biden Administration rule further worsens the draconian regulatory framework of Dodd-Frank, while unnecessarily driving up lending costs and infringing privacy rights.

30. H.R. 4366 (Amd. #1210) Protecting Individual Liberties by Preventing the Dept. of Transportation from Imposing COVID-19 Mask Mandates in FY 2024.

The Sen. J.D. Vance (R-OH) amendment #1210 to the Minibus Appropriations Package prohibits the Department of Transportation (DOT) in Fiscal Year 2024 from imposing any mask mandate on train or airline passengers in response to COVID-19. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure strengthens individual liberties by allowing citizens to determine how best to cope and protect themselves from COVID-19, which has been around for over 3 years. This measure also ensures that Congress - which is accountable to voters - sets masking policy as opposed to unaccountable government employees within the DOT.

31. S.J. Res. 24 Protecting Property Rights by Nullifying an Overreaching Biden Administration Rule Concerning the Northern-Long Eared Bat on the Endangered Species Act.

This resolution introduced by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify a rule issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service titled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat". The rule changed the classification of the northern-long eared bat from "threatened" to "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) due to the population suffering from an outbreak of white-nose syndrome. According to the sponsor, the Biden administration rule "is an example of the ESA being used to stifle development rather than its intended purpose, which is to protect species from human-caused harm". Support is the Limited Government Position as the rule results in a disproportionate regulatory burden imposed by unaccountable bureaucrats who will empower radical environmental groups to shutdown development and infrastructure expansion through much of the continental United States.

32. S.J. Res. 9 Protecting Property Rights by Nullifying an Overreaching Biden Administration Rule Concerning the Lesser Prairie Chicken on the Endangered Species Act.

This resolution introduced by Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify a rule issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a rule that placed population segments of the lesser prairie chicken on either the "threatened" or "endangered" list of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The classifications have an impact on farming and ranching activities. Support is the Limited Government Position as the rule results in a disproportionate regulatory burden imposed by unaccountable bureaucrats who weaken property rights and drive-up costs for farmers and ranchers.

33. H.J. Res. 44 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Nullifying a Biden Administration Rule that Subjects Pistols with a Stabilizing Brace to Additional Regulations and Registration Mandates.

This resolution introduced by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify a rule issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives titled "Factoring Criteria for Firearms With Attached Stabilizing Braces". Under the rule, pistols with a stabilizing brace attachment would be reclassified as short-barreled rifles, and subject to additional regulations. Additionally, gun owners who fail to register their pistols with stabilizing braces with the ATF could face ten years in jail and hefty fines. Support is the Limited Government Position as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. This measure weakens Second Amendment and privacy rights of law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to deter criminals from continuing to engage in unlawful behavior.

34. S.J. Res. 11 Nullifying an Onerous Truck Emission Regulation Imposed by the Biden Administration that Results in Significant Commercial Vehicle Price Hikes.

This resolution, introduced by Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE), utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the Environmental Protection Agency rule titled "Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards". The rule, covering commercial trucks imposes much stricter emissions standards covering nitrogen oxides and other air pollutants, including particulate matter, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide. According to the sponsor, the rule "saddles the trucking industry with an onerous regulation" and that "the prices of newer vehicles will escalate, incentivizing truckers and businesses to hold onto their older, higher-emitting trucks". Support is the Limited Government Position as the rule imposed by bureaucrats within the Biden administration represents regulatory overreach and unnecessarily hike truck prices in order to promote a politicized climate change agenda.

35. H.R. 3746 Advancing a U.S. Financial Collapse by Lifting the Debt Limit without Enacting Any Significant Fiscal Restraints to Stop the Deficit Spending.

This bill, the "Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023", raises the \$31.4 trillion U.S. debt ceiling through January 1, 2025. The bill is estimated to allow for \$4 trillion in additional debt

while providing roughly \$1.5 trillion in discretionary spending reductions over ten years, which may or may not be fully realized. The bill also paves the way for a natural gas pipeline from West Virginia to Virginia and claws back some funding, which was provided to the Internal Revenue Service to hire additional employees. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as the budgetary gimmicks within the bill provide little, if any, significant reduction in spending, merely continuing the country's march to a financial collapse. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

36. H.R. 3746 (Amd. #91) Preventing Future Debt Limit Defaults by Enacting Automatic Cuts in Discretionary Spending.

The Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) amendment #91 to the Fiscal Responsibility Act adds a "No Default" provision to the bill. According to the sponsor, the amendment "removes the drama from debt ceiling negotiations by allowing the Treasury to continue to pay necessary obligations after an "X date" but will automatically cut 1% of discretionary spending every 30 days (not including entitlements) until Congress makes a deal, giving Congress an incentive to make a budget to avoid cuts to policy priorities from both parties." Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure serves as a step in the right direction to restore fiscal sanity to Congress. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

37. H.R. 3746 (Amd. #107) Restoring Fiscal Sanity Through a "Five Penny Plan" that Makes Significant Cuts in Spending and Balances the Budget within Five Years.

The Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) amendment #107 to the Fiscal Responsibility Act replaces the bill's spending caps with a "Five Penny Plan" which caps and balances the budget within five years and limits the extension of debt to \$500 billion. According to the sponsor, this plan is the "conservative alternative" that would reduce spending by \$303 billion in the first year alone. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure represents an excellent pathway to restoring fiscal order to Congress. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

38. H.R. 3746 (Amd. #98) Preventing the Debt Limit Bill's "Pay-Go" Provision from Being Bypassed thus Ensuring Any Additional Spending is Offset by Cuts Elsewhere.

The Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) amendment #98 to the Fiscal Responsibility Act ensures that the bill's "pay-go" requirement cannot be waived by the Biden Administration's Office of Management and Budget. The "pay-go" requirement ensures that any new spending must be offset by cuts elsewhere. Support is the Limited

Government Position as this amendment serves as a critical safeguard to even greater reckless spending. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

39. H.R. 3746 (Amd. #134) Promoting Fiscal Responsibility by Rescinding Unused COVID-19 Funds and Reprioritizing Spending.

The Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC) amendment #134 to the Fiscal Responsibility Act rescinds roughly \$17 billion in unspent COVID-19 relief funds, allowing the monies to be used elsewhere instead of new spending. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment serves as a step in the right direction towards spending reprioritization. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

40. H.R. 3746 (Amd. #104) Promoting Self-Sufficiency by Making Permanent the Work Requirement Provisions within the Debt Limit Bill.

The Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) amendment #104 to the Fiscal Responsibility Act makes the food stamp work requirement within the bill permanent by removing the sunset provision. Support is the Limited Government Position as, while significant reforms must be made to government welfare programs to reduce government dependency, the existing work requirements should be, at the very least, enforced. Programs, such as the federal SNAP program, crowd out the private sector, which is much more effective and better equipped to solve underlying challenges faced by individuals and making them self-sufficient.

41. H.R. 3746 (Amd. #110) Combatting Illegal Immigration by Including the "Secure the Border Act" within the Debt Limit Bill.

The Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS) amendment #110 to the Fiscal Responsibility Act adds a major border security provision modelled after the House-passed "Secure the Border Act". The amendment includes restarting border wall construction, hiring thousands of additional Border Patrol agents, equipping agents with better technology to detect drugs and illegal immigration, and additional E-Verify requirements. Support is the Limited Government Position as an unsecured southern border presents a major national security risk and places an enormous strain on taxpayer-funded resources, ranging from law enforcement to welfare to education. While lawmakers should work to boost merit-based immigration to expand the U.S. workforce and economy, major policy changes must be made to curb illegal immigration and prevent dangerous individuals from entering the country.

42. H.R. 3746 (Amd. #93) Spiking Business and Consumer Costs by Imposing an Additional 25% Tax on Imports from China to Balance a Fictitious Trade Deficit.

The Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) amendment #93 to the Fiscal Responsibility Act imposes an additional tariff of 25 percent on all imports from China until the alleged trade deficit between the U.S. and China reaches zero. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this measure will inflict tremendous harm on the U.S. economy through an additional 25 percent tax (tariff) on countless products used every day by Americans. It will also make U.S. businesses less competitive globally by hiking costs on materials sourced from China. Additionally, the amendment represents a misunderstanding of economic principles by attempting to reduce the "trade deficit" to zero, a level it is already at when accounting for factors such as Chinese investment in U.S. securities, stocks, real estate, services, and other items that do not physically cross the border. Free trade has been a foundational principle of limited government dating back to Adam Smith, the father of modern economics, who identified the disastrous consequences of protectionist trade practices in his 1775 book "The Wealth of Nations".

43. S.J. Res. 43 Combatting Wealth Redistribution by Blocking the Biden Administration's \$156 Billion Student Loan Forgiveness Scheme.

This resolution, introduced by Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA), utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the rule issued by the Department of Education titled "Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program". Under the rule, the amount students have to repay the federal government for their student loans is reduced by roughly 40 percent, with \$156 billion in student loan forgiveness expected to be provided over the next 10 years as a result of the rule. Support is the Limited Government Position as this rule further expands wealth redistribution through higher education. While it is a necessary role for government to provide quality K-12 education, individuals who elect to pursue activities other than higher education - such as those who start their own businesses or work in the trades - should not be forced to pay for others' college tuition. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

44. H.J. Res. 45 Protecting Taxpayers by Blocking \$650 Billion in Student Loan Forgiveness Authorized by the Biden Administration.

This resolution introduced by Rep. Bob Good (R-VA) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the rule issued by the Department of Education on October 12, 2022, that suspends federal student loan payments and discharges debt. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the total cost of the Biden administration's student loan forgiveness plan is between \$500 billion and \$650 billion. Support is the Limited Government Position as the Biden administration's plan further expands wealth redistribution through higher education. While it is a necessary role for government to provide quality K-12 education, individuals who elect to pursue activities other than higher education - such as those who start their own businesses or work in the trades - should not be forced to pay for others' college tuition. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt,

which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

45. S.J. Res. 18 Overturning a Biden Administration Policy that Provides Residency Status to Immigrants who Are Reliant on Government Welfare Programs.

This resolution, introduced by Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS), utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the rule issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) titled "Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility". This rule largely undermines the reforms implemented under the Trump administration, reforms that made it less likely that an immigrant is provided permanent legal status if they obtain taxpayer-funded welfare benefits, such as food stamps, housing vouchers, or Medicaid. Under the Biden administration's rule, immigrants can receive a much greater amount of welfare and not be considered a "public charge" (primarily dependent on the government for subsistence), which would negate their application for residency. Support is the Limited Government Position as U.S. immigration policy should be merit-based, wherein residency status is only provided to individuals who are able to fully support themselves and contribute to society. An open border coupled with lavish welfare benefits fuels illegal immigration, which will further bankrupt the nation.

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47. H.J. Res. 26 Overturning a Package of Dangerous Criminal Justice Reforms in DC that Weaken Mandatory Minimum Sentences and Fuel Greater Lawlessness.

This resolution, introduced by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA), overturns the D.C. Council's Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022. The act contained several criminal justice reforms that would cut mandatory minimum sentences and reduced penalties for a range of violent crimes, including carjackings, robberies, and homicides. Support is the Limited Government Position as mandatory minimum sentences are critical measures that help combat the practice of "judge shopping" whereby career criminals attempt to have their cases moved to be heard by the

most lenient judge to avoid significant penalties. The D.C. Council's criminal justice "reforms" would lead to skyrocketing crime rates, which has been the case of similar reform policies which have been advanced across the nation by George Soros and other left-leaning Billionaires through their funding of advocacy organizations.

48. S. 870 Reauthorizing Wasteful Federal Fire Fighting Grant Programs that are Best Handled and Funded by State and Local Governments.

This bill, the "Fire Grants and Safety Act", sponsored by Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI), reauthorizes grant programs designed to bolster local fire departments through FY 2030. These programs include the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program at a cost of \$2.8 billion. These grant programs were originally created in 2000 as a result of a budget surplus and provided \$110 million, but have since grown 18-fold. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as it is the role of state and local governments - not the federal bureaucracy - to provide funding and allocate the resources necessary to ensure fire protection. While fire and EMS are essential government functions, these federal grant programs are rife with waste and cronyism and fail to direct taxpayer funds to where they would be most beneficial and impactful.

49. S. 316 (Amd. #40) Strengthening Government Accountability by Establishing an Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance.

The Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) amendment #40 to a bill repealing use of military force against Iraq establishes a new Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance. The amendment is designed to correct the current patchwork of oversight by departmental inspectors. Various federal agencies have so far uncovered no cases of fraud with the \$113 billion provided to Ukraine, but Ukraine journalists on the ground have been reporting fraud. Support is the Limited Government Position as this bill helps strengthen government accountability. Taxpayer funds should always be properly accounted for and necessary safeguards should be established to protect against waste, fraud, and abuse.

50. S.J. Res. 4 Removing the 1982 Deadline for Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, which would Fuel Frivolous Litigation.

This resolution, introduced by Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD), removes the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The ERA was originally proposed in 1972 with a deadline that at least three-fourths of states ratify the amendment by 1982 (which did not occur). The amendment codifies protections from sex discrimination alongside other protected classes such as race, religion, and national origin. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as ratification of the ERA merely provides plaintiff's attorneys with a new tool to advance frivolous litigation. Examples include alleged discrimination and "rights" potentially ranging from taxpayer-funded abortion to special benefits from businesses and government.

51. S. Res. 21 Expressing Congress' Support of Eradicating Human Trafficking and Raising Awareness of the Practice.

This resolution, introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), expresses Congressional opposition to human trafficking and supports efforts to prevent, eradicate, and raise awareness of the practice. Support is the Limited Government Position as one of the most important roles of government is maintaining public safety and protecting the freedom of individuals. Lawmakers should work to combat the tragic practice of human trafficking by securing the U.S. border and boosting law enforcement and public safety efforts.

52. S. 870 (Amd. #81) Advancing Fiscal Responsibility by Reprioritizing Unspent COVID-19 Funds to Help Pay for the Fire Grants and Safety Act.

The Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) amendment #81 to the Fire Grants and Safety Act transfers all remaining unobligated State and local COVID-19 relief funds to offset a portion of the cost of the grants. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment serves as a step in the right direction towards spending reprioritization. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

53. S. 870 (Amd. #72) Strengthening Government Integrity by Reorganizing a FEMA Program Board to Ensure the Individuals Appropriating \$1 Billion in Funds are not also the Recipients of the Cash.

The Sen. Bill Hagerty (R-TN) amendment #72 to the Fire Grants and Safety Act restructures FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program. Over the past couple of years, appropriations to this program have grown by nearly five-fold to approximately \$1 billion. According to the sponsor, the Board distributing these funds is comprised of the very same organizations receiving these funds. The amendment restructures the board to ensure the individuals sitting on it do not have a conflict of interest. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure strengthens government integrity by correcting a clear conflict of interest, and, as the sponsor stated, "ensure the pitcher is not also the umpire".

54. S. 870 (Amd. #79) Strengthening Individual Liberties by Penalizing Localities that Terminated Employees for Refusing to Obtain a COVID-19 Vaccination.

The Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) amendment #79 to the Fire Grants and Safety Act prohibits funds from being provided to fire departments that terminated staff for failing to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Support is the Limited Government Position as this crony grant program should not be reauthorized in the first place as it is the role of state and local entities - not the federal bureaucracy - to fund and determine the best use of fire protection resources. This amendment helps promote the protection of individual liberties by penalizing localities that refused to respect the right of individuals to decide whether or not to obtain the COVID-19 vaccination.

55. S. 316 (Amd. #11) Strengthening Government Accountability by Prohibiting the U.S. from Entering into any Agreement with the World Health Organization without Senate Approval.

The Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) amendment #11 to a bill repealing use of military force against Iraq requires any convention or treaty reached with the World Health Assembly be ratified by the Senate. According to the sponsor, the World Health Organization (WHO) is currently drafting a new convention, which grants it significant new powers to manage pandemics. Proposed policies include requiring the U.S. to provide WHO 20% of the vaccines it produces during a pandemic, substantial financial and intellectual property commitments, and a "leading role" in fighting "misinformation". Support is the Limited Government Position as, while it is questionable whether the U.S. should enter into any agreements with the WHO or provide it financial support, any action should be, at the very least, approved by Congress.

56. H.J. Res. 27 Strengthening Property Rights by Overturning Biden Administration Regulations Providing the EPA Overreaching Authority under the Waters of the United States Rule.

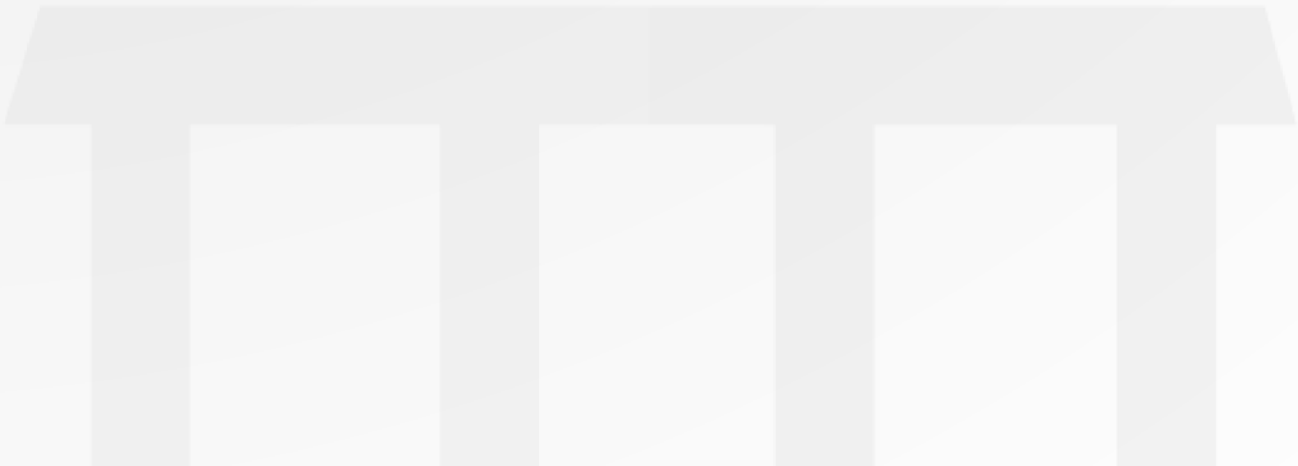
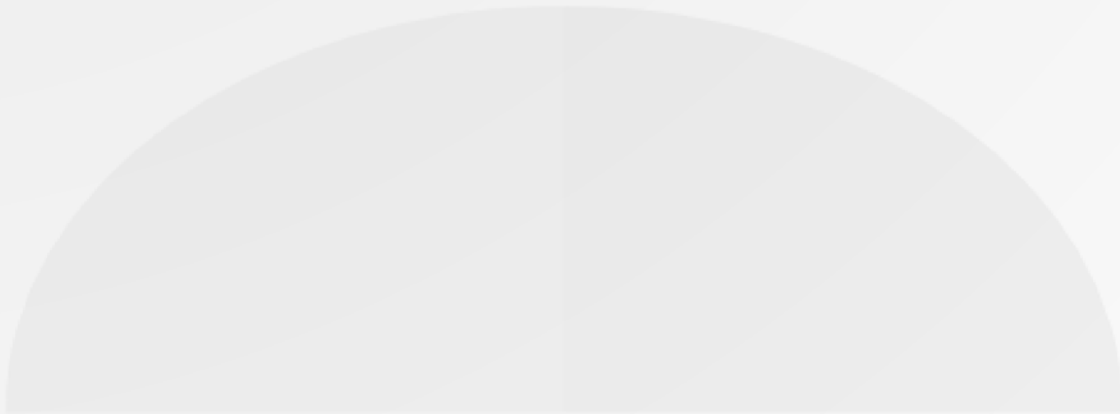
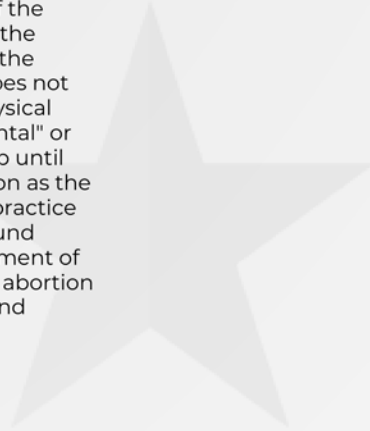
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58. S.J. Res. 10 Overturning a Biden Administration Rule which Paves the Way for Taxpayer Funding of Abortion on Demand at the VA Without Critical Safeguards.

This resolution, introduced by Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the Department of Veterans Affairs rule titled "Reproductive Health Services", which authorizes the VA to provide abortion-related services to veterans. While the Biden administration rule technically limits the abortion services to just cases of rape, incest, or the life of the veteran being placed in jeopardy, the rule lacks the traditional language needed to actually restrict the practice to these cases. For example, the rule does not limit the "life of the veteran" to include only "physical health," those allowing abortion in cases of "mental" or "emotional strain," and without any limitation up until birth. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as the failure to include critical language limiting the practice ultimately results in taxpayers being forced to fund abortion in nearly any case and up until the moment of birth. Taxpayers, many of whom are opposed to abortion on religious grounds, should not be forced to fund abortion on demand at the VA.



U.S. HOUSE BILL ANALYSES

1. **H.R. 2670 Authorizing a Defense Bill without the Removal of Countless Radical Left Policies Surrounding Abortion, Transgenderism, Critical Race Theory and Civil Liberty Violations.**

This bill, the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024", lays out how the Pentagon will be funded for the next year and includes \$886 billion in defense spending. Most notably, this conference version of the bill removes Republican provisions that end Pentagon practices that facilitate abortion, enable taxpayer-funded sex reassignment surgeries, and promote Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in the armed forces. Furthermore, the bill reauthorizes the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which has been utilized to conduct surveillance on Americans without a warrant, including President Trump's previous campaign for president. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as Pentagon funding should be contingent on both a full audit, due to reports of tens of billions of taxpayer funds being "misplaced", and safeguards that protect funds from being utilized for politicized and other improper purposes. The FISA reauthorization violates the protections provided to Americans against unreasonable searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

2. **H.R. 5860 Harming the Ability to Negotiate a Fiscally-Responsible Budget by Passaging a CR that Delays a Government Shutdown to Right Before the Holidays.**

This bill, the "Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act" serves as a short-term "CR" that funds government for another 45 days, delaying an otherwise imminent government shutdown to right before the holidays. While this CR contains no funding for Ukraine, it does provide \$16 billion in additional federal disaster funds - \$10 billion more than previously negotiated - and the full amount sought by President Biden. The CR follows previous funding proposals by Republicans, which contained conservative policy items like border security and spending cuts. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this "kick the can down the road" approach weakens the ability of conservatives to obtain meaningful spending cuts. The measure shifts negotiations to right before the holidays when history has shown (as recently as the previous year) lawmakers refuse to make any spending cuts or shutdown government. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

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This bill, "making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024", is a "CR" that funds portions of government through January 19, 2024 or February 2, 2024, depending on the department. The CR does not contain provisions demanded by conservative lawmakers, such as spending cuts or border security measures. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this "kick the can down the road" approach weakens the ability of conservatives to

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4. **S.J. Res. 32 Combatting Regulatory Overreach by Nullifying Biden Administration Rules, Forcing Banks to Report and Publish Additional Data Pertaining to Race, Ethnicity, and Sex.**

This resolution introduced by Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify a rule issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau titled "Small Business Lending under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)". This rule implements a section of the Dodd-Frank Act and requires banks to collect and report data on race, ethnicity, and sex across 81 fields. According to the sponsor, this rule imposes a significant additional cost on lenders and creates privacy concerns for small businesses that do not want such information made public. Support is the Limited Government Position as this Biden Administration rule further worsens the draconian regulatory framework of Dodd-Frank, while unnecessary driving up lending costs and infringing privacy rights.

5. **S.J. Res. 11 Nullifying an Onerous Truck Emission Regulation Imposed by the Biden Administration that Results in Significant Commercial Vehicle Price Hikes.**

This resolution, introduced by Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE), utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the Environmental Protection Agency rule titled "Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards". The rule, covering commercial trucks imposes much stricter emissions standards covering nitrogen oxides and other air pollutants, including particulate matter, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide. According to the sponsor, the rule "saddles the trucking industry with an onerous regulation" and that "the prices of newer vehicles will escalate, incentivizing truckers and businesses to hold onto their older, higher-emitting trucks". Support is the Limited Government Position as the rule imposed by bureaucrats within the Biden administration represents regulatory overreach and unnecessarily hike truck prices in order to promote a politicized climate change agenda.

6. **H.J. Res. 44 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Nullifying a Biden Administration Rule that Subjects Pistols with a Stabilizing Brace to Additional Regulations and Registration Mandates.**

This resolution introduced by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA) utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify a rule issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives titled "Factoring Criteria for Firearms With Attached Stabilizing Braces". Under the rule, pistols with a stabilizing brace attachment would be reclassified as short-barreled rifles, and subject to additional regulations. Additionally, gun owners who fail to register their pistols with stabilizing braces with the ATF could face ten years

in jail and hefty fines. Support is the Limited Government Position as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. This measure weakens Second Amendment and privacy rights of law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to deter criminals from continuing to engage in unlawful behavior.

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This resolution, introduced by Rep. Bob Good (R-VA), utilizes the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify the rule issued by the Department of Education on October 12, 2022, that suspends federal student loan payments and discharges debt. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the total cost of the Biden administration's student loan forgiveness plan is between \$500 billion and \$650 billion. Support is the Limited Government Position as the Biden administration's plan further expands wealth redistribution through higher education. While it is a necessary role for government to provide quality K-12 education, individuals who elect to pursue activities other

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14. H.R. 359 Further Growing the Size and Spending of the National Park Service by Making a Fort in Puerto Rico a New Affiliated Area.

The "Fort San Gerónimo Preservation Act", introduced by Delegate Jenniffer González-Colón (Puerto Rico), establishes Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón in San Juan, Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System. Under the bill, the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture is made the management entity of the area, with the National Park Service (NPS) providing technical and financial assistance to the institute to assist with marketing, interpretation, and preservation efforts. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this bill further grows the size and spending of the National Park Service at a time when our nation has \$33 trillion in national debt and has over \$185 trillion in unfunded federal liabilities. Lawmakers must shrink, not expand, the operations of the NPS - especially in regions that are not parts of the United States.

15. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #76) Increasing Transparency and Accountability within the Crony Commodity Checkoff Programs Mandated by Government.

The Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN) amendment #76 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" implements reforms to commodity checkoff programs. Under these programs, producers of certain products, such as beef, dairy, or poultry, are forced to pay into a fund (ex. \$2 for a cow) that is used for industry research or advertising campaigns. The amendment increases transparency on how the funds are utilized and ensures taxpayer funds are used by the boards of these

programs. Support is the Limited Government Position as, while government-mandated checkoff programs should be eliminated entirely, this bill serves as a step in the right direction to reducing corruption. It is the role of the private sector to voluntarily organize and fund product promotion for industry, not for big producers to utilize government to financially coerce small producers to fund their activities.

16. H.R. 4368 Protecting Life Through an Appropriations Bill Limiting the Distribution of Abortion-Inducing Drugs.

This bill, the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024", contains a major provision that restricts the distribution of mifepristone pills, which is a drug used for abortion. Under the provision, a Biden administration rule that allows the pill to be sold in retail pharmacies and to be mailed when prescribed would be overturned. Support is the Conservative Position as mifepristone (and related drugs) now accounts for more than half of abortions in the United States. Under the REINS Act, new rules imposed by federal agencies must be approved by Congress if they have an annual effect on the economy of more than \$100 million or result in major increases in costs or prices for consumers, among other conditions.

17. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #102) Reducing Spending to 2022 Levels (a \$717 Million Reduction) within the Department of Agriculture and FDA Appropriation Bill.

The Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT) amendment #102 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" reduces the overall appropriation by \$717 million to restore spending back to the level it was in fiscal year 2022, when accounting for inflation. Therefore, the overall spending increase would be roughly \$600 million instead of the \$1.3 billion proposed under the bill. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment represents a step in the right direction to restoring fiscal sanity. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

18. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #61) Cutting Spending to 2019 Levels within the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Redirecting the \$77 Million in Savings to Deficit Reduction.

The Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) amendment #61 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" would restore spending within the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to 2019 levels and direct the \$77 million in savings to deficit reduction. The funding proposed within the underlying bill is 30 percent above the pre-COVID level. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment represents a step in the right direction to restoring fiscal sanity. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in

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19. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #57) Eliminating an Unnecessary International Food Program and Redirecting the \$240 Million in Savings to Deficit Reduction.

The Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) amendment #57 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes funding for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program. The \$240 million is then redirected to deficit reduction. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment represents a step in the right direction to restoring fiscal sanity. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

20. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #54) Eliminating an Unnecessary International Foreign Aid Program and Redirecting the \$1.74 Billion in Savings to Deficit Reduction.

The Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) amendment #54 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes funding for the Food for Peace Title II grant program. The \$1.74 billion is then redirected to deficit reduction. Both the Trump and Obama administrations have cited issues with the program. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment represents a step in the right direction to restoring fiscal sanity. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

21. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #45) Cutting the Appropriation to a Rural Business Program Account, which is Utilized to Subsidize Solar and other Renewable Energy Initiatives, by 50% (\$43 million).

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #45 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts the Rural Business Program Account in half from last year's enacted budget amount of \$43,125,000. Funds within the account are in part utilized for construction of solar energy systems and other renewable energy systems. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment represents a step in the right direction to restoring fiscal sanity. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

22. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #43) Eliminating a Duplicative Rental Assistance Welfare Program within the USDA to Provide \$1.6 Billion in Savings to Taxpayers.

The Rep. Josh Brecheen (R-OK) amendment #43 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" would eliminate the USDA rental assistance program, providing a savings of \$1.6 billion. According to the sponsor, the program is 1 of 25 duplicative housing programs across the federal government. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment helps reduce duplicative spending and restore fiscal sanity. Rental assistance programs merely distort the market, ultimately bidding up prices and making housing even less affordable. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

23. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #41) Reducing Spending by 6.5% within the National Resource Conservation Service, which has Funded Countless Politicized Initiatives Surrounding "Equity" and Climate Change.

The Rep. Josh Brecheen (R-OK) amendment #41 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" provides a 6.5 percent cut within the underlying bill to funding for the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). After the \$60.5 million cut, \$850 million is provided to the entity. The sponsor noted the NRCS has a number of politicized programs and practices, including an Equity Division and LGBTQ emphasis programs. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment represents a small step in the right direction to restoring fiscal sanity. In addition to politicized programs, the NRCS funds countless wasteful initiatives that are not core functions of government, including conservation farming, conservation easements, and climate change related programs. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

24. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #33) Cutting Spending to 2019 Levels within the National Agriculture Statistic Services and Redirecting the \$13 Million in Savings to Deficit Reduction.

The Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) amendment #33 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" restores funding for the National Agriculture Statistic Services to the fiscal year 2019 level. The \$13 million in savings is directed to deficit reduction. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment represents a step in the right direction to restoring fiscal sanity. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

25. H.R. 4368 (Amd. #99) Defunding the Farm to School Network's Racial Equity Learning Lab, which Promotes Critical Race Theory.

The Rep. Peter Stauber (R-MN) amendment #99 to the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits funds from being utilized for the Farm to School Network Racial Equity Learning Lab. The stated goal of the program is to teach participants to apply a "racial equity lens" to their work. According to the sponsor, the lab "seeks to inject critical race theory and identity politics into our educational institutions". Support is the Limited Government Position as taxpayers should not be forced to fund politicized initiatives surrounding racial equity or critical race theory. Such programs serve as an example of how out-of-control-spending is leading to waste within the bloated bureaucracies.

26. H.R. 21 (Amd. #133 Harming American Energy Production by Reinforcing a Moratorium on Oil and Gas Drilling in the South Atlantic.

The Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC) amendment #133 to the Strategic Production Response Act prohibits any change to the current moratorium on oil and gas leasing within the South Atlantic Planning Area. In September of 2020 President Trump issued a 10-year ban on oil and gas drilling along both coasts of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as low-cost energy is essential to growing the economy and improving the quality of life for all Americans. Lawmakers must open up the South Atlantic to safe and responsible energy extraction, so Americans are provided with the lowest possible energy costs.

27. H.R. 21 Boosting American Energy Production by Prohibiting a Further Drain of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Until a Larger Percentage of Federal Lands are Leased for Oil and Gas Production.

This bill, the "Strategic Production Response Act", limits the drawdown of petroleum in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) until the Department of Energy submits to Congress a plan to increase the percentage of federal lands leased for oil and gas production. The bill is in response to the Biden Administration draining the Strategic Oil Reserve to its lowest level since 1983 in an attempt to drive down gas prices. Support is the Limited Government Position as low-cost energy is essential to growing the economy and improving the quality of life for all Americans. With renewable energy only accounting for about 20 percent of the U.S. energy supply, the country must adopt an "all of the above" approach to energy production that balances environmental concerns with the need to provide Americans with the lowest possible energy costs.

28. H.R. 21 (Amd. #64) Obstructing North American Energy Production by Prohibiting the Procurement of Oil from Canada or Mexico for the Restocking of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM) amendment #64 to the Strategic Production Response Act strikes the entire underlying bill and requires the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to be stocked with oil from the United States, thereby prohibiting the ability to restock with lower-cost oil from Canada and Mexico. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this amendment unnecessarily drives up taxpayer costs and places barriers to restocking

the Strategic Oil Reserve. This amendment is largely designed to obstruct North American energy production and provide financial benefits to the sponsors' state.

29. H.R. 21 (Amd. #57) Obstructing American Oil and Gas Production through an Environmental Justice Mandate Prohibiting Leases that Burden Low Income and Communities of Color.

The Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ) amendment #57 to the Strategic Production Response Act adds a "community protection" provision banning oil and gas leasing on any Federal land that would result in disproportionate burdens on communities of color, low-income communities, and Tribal and Indigenous communities. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this amendment is primarily designed to halt American energy production as part of a politicized environmental agenda. U.S. access to low-cost energy is essential to growing the economy and improving the quality of life for all Americans.

30. H.R. 5894 (Amd. #76) Cutting \$707 Million in Wasteful Spending for the Institute of Education Sciences, which Promotes Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) within the Education System.

The Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) amendment #76 to the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes the \$707 million in funding provided to the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). According to the sponsor, the entity represents the "educational-industrial complex", with funding directed to programs "interested in the disclosure of gender, racial, and ethnic composition of governing boards of higher education to promote DEI institutions". Oppose is the Limited Government Position as IES represents one of countless government-funded entities advancing politicized initiatives across the American education system. Like many taxpayer-funded entities across the "educational-industrial complex", the mission of the IES should be funded through the private sector, not government.

31. H.R. 5894 (Amd. #71) Cutting \$2.7 Billion in Funding that Enriches Woke Colleges and Universities that Indoctrinate Students in Radical Left Agendas.

The Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) amendment #71 to the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes \$2.7 billion in funding to the higher education account. This account provides appropriations for grant programs that provide direct taxpayer support to higher education institutions. This funding is in addition to student federal aid, research specific aid, and the funding provided to colleges from state and local governments. Support is the Limited Government Position as college and university-level education should be funded through user fees (i.e. tuition) by those who wish to pursue their selected career path. These costs should not be imposed on individuals who elect to pursue activities other than higher education, such as those who start their own businesses or work in the trades. The enormous amount of government funding that has been channeled to colleges and universities has resulted in the creation of gigantic unaccountable bureaucracies that

push radical left agendas and discriminate against conservative students.

32. H.R. 5894 (Amd. #69) Reducing Wealth Redistribution Through a \$9.25 Billion Cut in Appropriations to the Higher Education Student Financial Assistance Account.

The Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) amendment #69 to the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts funding for the student financial assistance account by \$9.25 billion. The underlying bill funds the account at a level of \$22 billion for FY 2024. This funding is in addition to both the direct subsidies received by colleges and the significant levels of subsidies and student aid provided by state governments. Support is the Limited Government Position as individuals who elect to not attend college and pursue career paths, such as the trades or starting a business, should not be forced to pay the tuition costs of other individuals. This, and other wealth redistribution schemes like student loan forgiveness, merely hike costs, as confirmed by a 2017 study from the Federal Reserve, which found the average tuition increase associated with expansion of student loans is as much as 60 cents per dollar. The enormous amount of government funding that has been channeled to colleges and universities has resulted in the creation of gigantic unaccountable bureaucracies that push radical left agendas and discriminate against.

33. H.R. 5894 (Amd. #123) Cutting \$22.5 Million at the Center for Disease Control that is Directed to Advancing Politicized Initiatives Surrounding Gun Control.

The Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA) amendment #123 to the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" bans funding from being provided to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's firearm injury and mortality prevention research. The Biden administration requested \$35 million for this program in his fiscal year 2024 budget request, which is a \$22.5 million increase from fiscal year 2023. Support is the Limited Government Position as the role of the CDC is to prevent and contain diseases and pandemic outbreaks, which, as the nation witnessed with COVID-19, the Center needs to improve on. This amendment helps ensure the CDC does not utilize taxpayer funds to pursue purely politicized initiatives, such as gun control.

34. H.R. 4644 (Amd. #9) Eliminating \$240 Million in Wasteful Spending for the Crony Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, which Provides Corporate Welfare.

The Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI) amendment #9 to the "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024" eliminates funding (\$240 million) for the Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. The sponsor cited a study by the Heritage Foundation that found the program "to be largely ineffective at meeting its goals of increasing community investment and development". Support is the Limited Government Position as this fund

represents corporate welfare at its finest through the distortion of the free market to enrich government-favored entities. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

35. H.R. 4644 (Amd. #87) Protecting Federal Employees' "Right to Work" by Defunding a Federal Labor Relations Rule Limiting the Ability of Workers to Opt-Out of Union Membership and Dues Collections.

The Rep. Andrew Ogles (R-TN) amendment #87 to the "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits funds to finalize the Federal Labor Relations Authority's proposed rule that would restrict Federal employees' ability to opt out of membership in a labor union. Under the rule, Federal employees are limited to a certain window each calendar year to opt-out of union due collections, while also then re-enrolling them each year and requiring them to opt-out. Support is the Limited Government Position as public sector unions not only hike taxpayer costs but also make it even more difficult to terminate poor-performing employees. The Federal rule also violates the Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME* and the "right to work" without being forced to join a labor union.

36. H.R. 4644 (Amd. #21) Promoting Fiscal Responsibility by Reducing Spending at the Consumer Product Safety Commission to 2019 Levels.

The Rep. Andrew Ogles (R-TN) amendment #21 to the "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024" reduces funding for the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) back to the level it was in FY 2019. The level of funding for the CPSC under the amendment is roughly \$13 million less than under the original bill. Support is the Limited Government Position as the CPSC has been engaging in politicized activities beyond the role it was assigned, such as attempting to ban gas stoves. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

37. H.R. 4644 (Amd. #15) De-Weaponizing the IRS by Prohibiting Funding for Firearms and Ammunition.

The Rep. Diana Harshbarger (R-TN) amendment #15 to the "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes funding for firearms and ammunition at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Support is the Limited Government Position as the role of the IRS should be to assist constituents with tax compliance and calculating liabilities, not serve as a weaponized law enforcement entity.

38. H.R. 4644 (Amd. #63) Eliminating Funding for the White House Gender Policy Council, which Promotes DEI, Transgenderism, and Abortion.

The Rep. Diana Harshbarger (R-TN) amendment #63 to the "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits funding for the White House Gender Policy Council. According to the sponsor, the entity is promoting a "woke DEI agenda" and is "pro-abortion and pro-transgender". Support is the Limited Government Position as taxpayer funds should not be utilized to push politicized initiatives or for an entity that does not perform a core function of government.

39. H.R. 4644 (Amd. #39) Strengthening Government Accountability by Restoring Congressional Oversight to the Community Advantage Small Business Lending Companies Program.

The Rep. Aaron Bean (R-FL) amendment #39 to the "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024" prevents implementation of a Biden administration rule at the Community Advantage Small Business Lending Companies (CA SBLC) program. The CA SBLC program provides credit to certain businesses whose owners can't qualify for traditional loans due to lack of credit. According to the sponsor, the initiative was originally a pilot program, but a rule issued by the Biden administration has reclassified the program, making it no longer accountable to Congress. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment helps restore executive branch accountability to Congress. Additionally, this program should not be reauthorized as it is the role of the private sector - not government - to provide small business lending based on the associated risk.

40. H.R. 4820 (Amd. #25) Ensuring Taxpayers Across the Country Aren't Forced to Subsidize the Commuting Costs of Individuals within the DC Region Under WMATA.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #25 to the "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes \$150 million in grants from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, known as WMATA. This entity operates metro rail and bus services across the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia metropolitan area. WMATA has faced scrutiny for years over its unsustainable budget practices. Even pre-COVID, it has relied on state and local entities for the majority of its funding rather than fares and other user-fees of passengers. Support is the Limited Government Position as WMATA should cut unprofitable routes and adjust its user fee model to sustain itself, rather than force taxpayers from across the country to subsidize the transportation costs of local residents.

41. H.R. 4820 (Amd. #47) Increasing Fiscal Responsibility Through a 57% Cut in Discretionary Spending within the Transportation and HUD Appropriations Bill.

The Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ) amendment #47 to the "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts discretionary spending within the bill by 57 percent. According to the sponsor, this is the percentage of discretionary funding within the bill that is directed to entities that have their own taxing authorities (i.e. can

obtain funding from their residents). Support is the Limited Government Position as, unlike mandatory spending, which is generally directed towards primary functions of government, discretionary spending is often directed towards unnecessary initiatives or programs that can also be funded through other avenues. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

42. H.R. 4820 (Amd. #60) Combatting Regulatory Overreach by Defunding the 2026 Mandate that All New Vehicles be Equipped with "Kill Switches" Based on Driver Performance.

The Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) amendment #60 to the "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" defunds the Federal mandate that requires all new vehicles after 2026 be equipped with a kill switch that can disable a vehicle if the vehicle has monitored the driver's performance and the vehicle determines that the driver is not performing well (such as if the driver appears to be driving while intoxicated). Oppose is the Limited Government Position as, not only does this one-size-fits all federal mandate unnecessarily drive-up new vehicle costs, including for those who do not consume alcohol, this presents serious Fourth Amendment and civil liberty concerns. Plus, like all new technology, it has the potential to misdiagnose driving habits or fail, leaving motorists stranded.

43. H.R. 4820 (Amd. #30) Reducing Wasteful Spending by Lowering Funding for HUD "Fair Housing Activities" to 2019 Levels.

The Rep. Josh Brecheen (R-OK) amendment #30 to the "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts spending by \$19.7 million at the Department of Housing and Urban Development's by reducing the "fair housing activities" appropriation amount back to the fiscal year 2019 level. According to the Congressional Research Service, only three to five percent of fair housing complaints lead to a formal charge, and between zero to one percent of complaints lead to a referral to the Department of Justice. Support is the Limited Government Position as the vast majority of complaints directed to the fair housing division represent frivolous allegations and are primarily designed to harass landlords, which will ultimately drive up rental costs. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

44. H.R. 4821 (Amd. #61) Cutting Wasteful Spending by Striking \$186.3 Million in Funds for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #61 to the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes \$186.3 million in funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities. The sponsor provided multiple examples of waste within the entity, such as \$150,000 to build a comics

and social justice curriculum at San Diego State University and \$360,000 for diversity, equity, and inclusion programs at the University of Central Oklahoma. Support is the Limited Government Position as it is the role of the private sector - not government - to evaluate the most impactful initiatives within the Arts and Humanities and provide the associated funding. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

45. H.R. 4821 (Amd. #60) Cutting Wasteful Spending by Striking \$186.3 Million in Funds for the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #60 to the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes \$186.3 million in funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. The sponsor provided multiple examples of waste within the entity, such as the Art in Architecture program that commissions art for Federal buildings, and the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program, which subsidizes the insurance of art exhibitions, both domestic and international, including private collections. Support is the Limited Government Position as it is the role of the private sector - not government - to evaluate the most impactful initiatives within the Arts and Humanities and provide the associated funding. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

46. H.R. 4821 (Amd. #2) Protecting Taxpayers through a 50% Cut in the Bloated Bureaucracy of the Bureau of Land Management.

The Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY) amendment #2 to the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts funding for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) by 50 percent. The sponsor noted BLM's operations have exceeded its stated purpose, including the establishment of conservation leases and other policies that lockout land users. Support is the Limited Government Position as the BLM has become a bloated and wasteful entity that places unnecessary barriers to land usage. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

47. H.R. 4821 (Amd. #78) Protecting Taxpayers by Ending the EPA's Utilization of a Special Pay Schedule that has Resulted in Overpayment of Agency Employees.

The Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) amendment #78 to the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from utilizing a title 42 special pay authority. According to the sponsor, this authority has resulted in EPA employees being overpaid through the bypassing of the standard federal GS pay schedule. Support is the Limited Government

Position as this amendment helps restore government accountability and protect taxpayers from overpaying the agency workforce. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

48. H.R. 4821 (Amd. #126) Protecting Taxpayer Funds from being Utilized for Politicized "Environmental Justice Activities".

The Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) amendment #126 to the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibit any funds in the appropriations bill from being used to carry out "environmental justice activities". According to the sponsor, the amendment is in response to cases of employees engaging in environmental justice activities that overlap divisive racial ideology with radical environmentalism. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure helps ensure taxpayer funds are not used to promote politicized agendas surrounding racial justice, climate change, and other extreme environmental beliefs. The implementation of environmental justice policy places significant harm on the U.S. economy and unnecessarily drives up costs for consumers.

49. H.R. 4394 (Amd. #59) Protecting Taxpayers by Limiting the Level of Increased Spending for the US Army Corp of Engineers - An Entity with a Dismal Fiscal Management Track Record.

The Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT) amendment #59 to the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts the appropriation for the US Army Corp of Engineers by \$620 million to match the level of funding it was provided in FY 2022. This funding amount is still more than \$290 million than provided in FY 2023, but less than the nearly \$1 billion spending hike in the underlying bill compared to last year. According to the sponsor, the amendment is intended to promote responsibility within the Army Corp of Engineers as the entity has a long history of running over budget and out of schedule. Support is the Limited Government Position as an entity with a long track record of poor fiscal management should undergo a significant management reform, not be bailed out with even more taxpayer funds. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

50. H.R. 4394 (Amd. #58) Increasing Fiscal Responsibility Through a 2.8% Cut in Appropriations to the Departments of Interior and Environment.

The Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT) amendment #58 to the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" reduces the total appropriation for the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies by \$1.55 billion, bringing the total cost of the bill down from \$58 billion to \$56.4 billion. According to the sponsor, the bill contains multiple wasteful spending provisions, such as \$1.2 billion for the Office of Energy

Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Support is the Limited Government Position as this appropriations package is chock full of wasteful initiatives that do not align with the core duties and function of government. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

51. H.R. 4394 (Amd. #32) Cutting \$2.5 Million from a Wasteful "Great Lakes Authority" that has No Website, Programs, or Federal Co-Chair.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #32 to the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts the appropriation for the Great Lakes Authority in half (\$2.5 million). This program was created in 2022 to fund watershed programs in a handful of states. According to the sponsor, the program serves as an example of waste as it "does not have a Federal co-chair, it has no website, it has no programs funded", yet is receiving a \$5 million appropriation. Support is the Limited Government Position as every program and initiative not pertaining to a core function or duty of government must be cut or significantly scaled back to get our nation's fiscal house back in order. Our \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

52. H.R. 4394 (Amd. #28) Providing \$17 Million in Savings to Taxpayers Through the Termination of the Denali Commission - a Bureaucracy Recommended for Elimination by both the Trump and Obama Administrations.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #28 to the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes \$17 million in funding for the Denali Commission. The Denali Commission is one of seven regional commissions that help direct Federal funds to State and local projects surrounding job training and economic development. However, unlike other commissions, the Denali Commission serves only one State: Alaska. According to the sponsor, both the Obama and Trump administrations have suggested eliminating the commission as funds could instead be provided directly to Alaska for distribution rather than funding a costly additional layer of bureaucracy. Support is the Limited Government Position as every unnecessary bureaucracy and initiative within government must be eliminated or scaled back in order to restore fiscal order in our nation. Our \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

53. H.R. 4394 (Amd. #20) Combatting Cronyism by Cutting \$470 Million in Funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency, which Awards Taxpayer Cash to Select Energy Companies Favored by Government.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #20 to the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes \$470 million in funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy

(ARPA-E). The ARPA-E provides grants to companies for high-risk, high-reward projects, grants they are unable to receive funding for within the private sector. According to the sponsor, multiple GAO reports have found the entity is not following its guidelines: nearly half of the grants have gone towards projects that companies previously received private-sector investments or funding for. Support is the Limited Government Position as regardless of the fact much of this agency's funding is being misused, it is not the proper role of government to provide such funding in the first place. The free-market and private sector - not government bureaucrats - are best equipped to direct funding to the most promising initiatives. The ARPA-E merely fuels cronyism by enriching select entities which are oftentimes politically connected while also further fueling out-of-control taxpayer spending.

54. H.R. 4394 (Amd. #16) Protecting Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy by Defunding the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, which has Advanced a Radical Politicized Climate Change Agenda.

The Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) amendment #16 to the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts the appropriation for the Energy Department's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (roughly \$2 billion). The office's mission is to "to equitably transition America to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy-wide by no later than 2050". Support is the Limited Government Position as this Office largely promotes a politicized environmental agenda, which inflicts serious damage to the U.S. economy and hikes consumer costs. The country must adopt an "all of the above" approach to energy production that balances environmental concerns with the need to provide Americans with the lowest possible energy costs. Additionally, Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

55. H.R. 4394 (Amd. #37) Weakening National Security by Defunding the Continued Development and Upgrade of the U.S. Nuclear ICBM Program.

The Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA) amendment #37 to the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts all funding for the "W87-1 modification program", which is developing the latest intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) nuclear weapon system. According to the sponsor, the \$120 billion cost for development over the next decade does not need to be spent now due to the reliability of the existing Minuteman III rockets originally developed in the 1960s. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as protecting the nation from foreign adversaries and maintaining a strong military are some of the most essential roles of government. Adapting the philosophy of "Peace Through Strength" ensures the United States has the most technologically advanced weapons in the world, which is a critical component of avoiding costly and deadly conflict.

56. H.R. 4394 (Amd. #36) Weakening National Security by Defunding the "Savannah River Plutonium Modernization Program", which Produces Fuel for Nuclear Weapons.

The Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA) amendment #36 to the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" defunds the "Savannah River Plutonium Modernization Program". This project, which is roughly half-way complete, will serve as a production facility for plutonium, which is a source of fuel for nuclear weapons. According to the sponsor, the project has experienced significant cost overruns, and the U.S. already has a significant supply of plutonium which still has many years before it ages out. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as, while significant steps should certainly be taken to end the cost overruns, protecting the nation from foreign adversaries and maintaining a strong military are some of the most essential roles of government. Adapting the philosophy of "Peace Through Strength" ensures the United States has the most technologically advanced weapons in the world, which is a critical component of avoiding costly and deadly conflict.

57. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #23) Providing a Slight Cut to Wasteful Spending within the Peace Corps by Restoring Funding to Pre-COVID-19 Levels.

The Rep. Andy Ogles (R-TN) amendment #23 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" provides a \$14.3 million cut to the Peace Corps budget to restore the agency appropriation to pre-COVID-19 levels. According to the sponsor, the Peace Corps has engaged in numerous politicized initiatives, including helping illegal immigrants at the southern border, promoting DEI amongst its volunteers, and various activities surrounding climate change. Support is the Limited Government Position as the Peace Corps serves as just one of many foreign aid programs of the United States and the country is not in the position to grow its foreign aid spending when congress is running a budget deficit of \$1.7 trillion. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

58. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #20) Placing America First by Providing a \$1.1 Billion Cut to "Economic Support" Foreign Aid that Restores the Spending Level Back to Pre-Covid.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #20 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts foreign aid "economic support" funding from \$2.9 billion to \$1.8 billion, or the level of spending in 2018. According to the sponsor, the country can no longer afford to support the various cooperative projects abroad when Americans are facing many of these same challenges within our own country. Support is the Limited Government Position as other countries in the United Nations have continually failed to contribute their fair share of global support and the United States can no longer continue to provide its

enormous levels of foreign aid when congress is running a budget deficit of \$1.7 trillion. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

59. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #20) Placing America First by Providing a \$1.1 H.R. 4665 (Amd. #13) Placing America First by Providing a 50% Cut (\$610 Million) to the USAID Program - An Entity where Expenditures have Become Heavily Politicized.

The Rep. Elijah Crane (R-AZ) amendment #13 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" provides a 50% cut (\$607 million) to foreign aid under the USAID program. According to the sponsor, the current budget allocation at USAID "indicates a shift toward a social and cultural agenda that caters to the radical priorities of woke global elites". Support is the Limited Government Position as other countries in the United Nations have continually failed to contribute their fair share of global support and the United States can no longer continue to provide its enormous levels of foreign aid when congress is running a budget deficit of \$1.7 trillion. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

60. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #10) Advancing Fiscal Responsibility by Striking Funding for an Unnecessary "Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe", which has Advanced a Politicized Gender Equality Agenda.

The Rep. Elijah Crane (R-AZ) amendment #10 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes nearly \$3 million in funding for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, salaries, and expenses. According to the sponsor this entity should exist as a private independent think tank and that "funding goes towards functions such as gender equality, and there has even been a Gender Action Plan". Support is the Limited Government Position as it is the role of the private sector - not government - to determine the need and provide the necessary funding for this initiative. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

61. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #8) Advancing Fiscal Responsibility by Striking \$39 Million in Funding for the "United States Institute of Peace", which Advances a Left-Wing Political Agenda.

The Rep. Elijah Crane (R-AZ) amendment #8 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" cuts nearly \$39 million in funding for the United States Institute of Peace. According to the sponsor the entity has become heavily politicized by covering "issue areas such as gender equality, LGBTQ+ rights, and climate policy" and "whose mission would be better accomplished by nonprofits,

charities, and religious groups". Support is the Limited Government Position as the Institute for Peace represents an unnecessary bureaucracy that has become heavily politicized and whose mission should be advanced and funded through the private sector - not the American taxpayer. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

62. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #73) Placing America First by Preventing Funding from Being Provided to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which has an Anti-American Bias.

The Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL) amendment #73 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits any funding within the bill from being provided to UNESCO. According to the sponsor, UNESCO is "incredibly corrupt and mismanaged" and has a long history of anti-American and anti-Israel bias. Support is the Limited Government Position as taxpayer funds should not be provided to foreign entities that hate America and its allies. Furthermore, other countries in the United Nations have continually failed to contribute their fair share of global support and the United States can no longer continue to provide its enormous levels of foreign aid when congress is running a budget deficit of \$1.7 trillion. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

63. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #57) Strengthening Accountability of Taxpayer Funds by Ensuring No Cash is Provided to the United Nations Unless Explicitly Authorized by Congress.

The Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN) amendment #57 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" prevents any funds within the appropriation from being provided to the United Nations unless explicitly authorized by Congress. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure strengthens accountability of taxpayer funds and helps prevent their misuse. Furthermore, other countries in the United Nations have continually failed to contribute their fair share of global support and the United States can no longer continue to provide its enormous levels of foreign aid when congress is running a budget deficit of \$1.7 trillion. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

64. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #67) Defunding the "Special Presidential Envoy for Climate" led by John Kerry, which Advances a Radical Left-wing Environmental Agenda.

The Rep. Tim Burchett (R-TN) amendment #67 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits funding

within the bill from being utilized for the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate. The envoy has been led by former U.S. Senator, Secretary of State, and presidential candidate John Kerry. According to the sponsor, "Kerry uses his position in this special envoy to fly around the world in private and heavy-polluting jets so he can attend the coronation of King Charles III on the taxpayers' dime" and "has stated the American people would need to contribute trillions of dollars to fix the climate". Support is the Limited Government Position as John Kerry and his envoy are pushing a radical politicized environmental agenda, which, if implemented, would devastate the U.S. economy. Such politicized initiatives should not be funded by taxpayers.

65. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #54) Protecting Taxpayers by Cutting Funding to the "Refugee Travel Loan Program", which Serves as a Slush-Fund Enriching Politically Connected Foreign NGOs.

The Rep. Lance Gooden (R-TX) amendment #54 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits funding for the "Refugee Travel Loan Program", which is administered by the United Nations International Organization for Migration. According to the sponsor, this program is a taxpayer-funded slush fund that channels money to foreign NGOs, which take a 25 percent cut of the cash before providing the recourses to refugees. Support is the Limited Government Position as all taxpayer funds should be protected from waste, fraud, and abuse. Additionally, other countries in the United Nations have continually failed to contribute their fair share of global support and the United States can no longer continue to provide its enormous levels of foreign aid when congress is running a budget deficit of \$1.7 trillion.

66. H.R. 3935 (Amd. #74) Advancing Fiscal Responsibility by Cutting Nearly \$5 Billion in Runaway Spending Surrounding Airport Planning, Operations, and Research and Development.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #74 to the "Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act" provides nearly \$5 billion in savings by cutting the significant spending growth within sections 101, 103 and 1111 of the underlying bill, which far exceed the levels originally set by Congress in the 2018 reauthorization bill. These sections pertain to airport planning, operations, and research and development. Support is the Limited Government Position as this bill contains countless runaway spending initiatives that are unnecessary. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

67. H.R. 3935 (Amd. #73) Reducing Government Interference within the Energy and Aviation Industries by Striking Funding for the "CLEEN" Program which Provides Subsidies for Environmental Technology.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #73 to the "Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act" strikes a provision that allows the Federal

Aviation Administration (FAA) to consider expanding the Continuous Lower Energy, Emissions, and Noise (CLEEN) program. This program provides financial awards to industries to develop and integrate technology that will reduce noise, emissions, and fuel burn. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as the free market - not government - is the best mechanism to drive investment into the technologies that provide the greatest level of benefits for their cost. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

68. H.R. 3935 (Amd. #62) Cutting Wasteful Spending and Government Central Planning through the Elimination of the "Essential Air Service" Program that Forces Taxpayers to Subsidize Unprofitable Airline Flights.

The Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) amendment #62 to the "Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act" strikes authorization for the "Essential Air Service" program. This program provides subsidies to airline companies for commercial flights to small airports typically in more rural regions. According to the sponsor, the program provides a "direct subsidy paid to airline companies to fly empty and near-empty planes from small airports to regional hubs with per-passenger subsidies on some flights are now nearly \$1,000 per passenger". Support is the Limited Government Position as the free market - not central planning by government bureaucrats - is the best mechanism to determine airline service and set routes. This program serves as a wealth distribution scheme to individuals who choose to reside in rural regions. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

69. H.R. 3935 (Amd. #65) Protecting Taxpayer Funds within the Aviation Appropriation Bill from Being Utilized to Fund Politicized Initiatives Surrounding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI).

The Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL) amendment #65 to the "Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act" prohibits any funds within the bill from being used to hire any diversity, equity, and inclusion officials or conduct training on diversity, equity, and inclusion. According to the sponsor "Secretary Buttigieg and President Biden's DEI initiatives which hire and promote people based on their physical characteristics over their merits and qualifications violate Title VII and the Constitution." Support is the Limited Government Position as taxpayer funds should not be utilized to promote DEI or CRT, which are ideologies that sow division amongst Americans and are intended to further grow the role of government. These programs also fuel cronyism by enriching the providers of these services, who are typically politically connected.

70. H.R. 1547 Advancing Greater Taxpayer Spending on Transit Subsidies Through the "One Seat Ride Act" Which Studies the Creation of Direct Rail Routes from NJ to NYC.

The "One Seat Ride Act", introduced by Rep. Thomas Kean (R-NJ), directs the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of single-seat commuter rail trips, particularly on New Jersey's Raritan Valley Line. Currently, Raritan Valley Line passengers are forced to change trains at Newark Penn Station to access New York City. A 'One-Seat-Ride' allows passengers to take a single train to NYC. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as implementation of a "one-seat-ride" would inevitably result in greater taxpayer-funded subsidies for transit. It should not be the role of federal government to set train schedules and routes. Instead, lawmakers should work to privatize all such transit systems - especially Amtrak - to end the practice of taxpayers subsidizing travel costs of individuals who wish to utilize such systems.

71. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #23) Placing Americans First by Striking Funding for a Feasibility Study on the Construction of a "Center of Excellence" Trauma Hospital in Ukraine.

The Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) amendment #23 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" strikes a provision for a feasibility study for a "center of excellence" (trauma hospital system) in Ukraine. According to the sponsor, the stated mission of the Department of Defense is to deter war and to protect our nation's national security interest, and "paying for a feasibility study on creating a center of excellence in Ukraine does not deter war, nor does that protect our national security interest". Support is the Limited Government Position as it is not the role of the U.S. to serve as the world police and medical provider, especially at a time when Veterans and Americans are facing difficulties in receiving quality care. Furthermore, Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

72. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #24) Increasing Fiscal Responsibility by Requiring the Submission of a Ukraine Strategy to Congress Prior to Delivery of any Additional Aid.

The Rep. Warren Davidson (R-OH) amendment #24 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" requires the President, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State, to develop and submit a report to Congress that contains a strategy for U.S. involvement in Ukraine. The amendment prohibits disbursement of any Ukraine aid until the submission of the report. Support is the Limited Government Position as over \$113 billion has already been provided to Ukraine with no clear strategy or accountability system established to ensure American taxpayer funds are being utilized effectively in the war-torn country.

73. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #63) Prohibiting Racial Discrimination by Government in Admission Practices for Military Service Academies.

The Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN) amendment #63 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" prohibits the use of funds to discriminate on the basis of race and ethnicity in admission to the military

service academies. According to the sponsor "all of the military service academies use race and ethnicity as selection criteria for admissions. Not only is this a violation of the Constitution, as recently affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court, but it is a violation of the military's longstanding meritocratic principles." Support is the Limited Government Position as lawmakers have a duty to ensure government provides equal treatment and opportunity to all under the law. Government should be held strictly accountable to ensure discrimination is prohibited across every category, including race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and any other class.

74. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #35) Strengthening Parental Rights by Prohibiting the Display of Pornographic and Racial Gender Ideology Books in DoDEA School Libraries.

The Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) amendment #35 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" prohibits Department of Defense Education Activity schools from purchasing and having "pornographic and radical gender ideology books" in their libraries. According to the sponsor, several inappropriate books have been placed in DoDEA libraries such as "This Book Is Gay" by Juno Dawson, "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe, "Middle School is a Drag" by Greg Howard, and "Some Girls Bind" by Rory James. Support is the Limited Government Position as it is the role of parents - not government bureaucrats - to introduce and discuss these sensitive issues with their children. All school curriculum and learning materials should pertain only to core subject areas and be accessible to parents for review.

75. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #21) Ensuring Only American Flags and Not Politicized or Cultural Flags, such as LGBTQ+ Pride, are Flown at DoD Facilities.

The Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC) amendment #21 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" prohibits flags other than the United States flag from being flown or displayed at Department of Defense facilities. The bill is largely in response to LGBTQ+ flags being displayed during pride month at certain federal buildings. Support is the Conservative Position as taxpayer funded installations should not be utilized for purposes of promoting politicized or divisive social issues.

76. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #31) Strengthening the Integrity of the DoDEA School System by Prohibiting the Promotion of Divisive Concepts, such as Critical Race Theory.

The Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) amendment #31 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" prohibits Department of Defense schools (DoDEA) from using funds to promote or compel teachers to adhere to Critical Race Theory (CRT). Support is the Limited Government Position as all public education systems should be solely utilized to prepare children for their careers and promote excellence in core subject fields, such as reading, mathematics, and the sciences. Schools should be held accountable to parents and measures, such as this bill, are crucial to ensure classrooms are not weaponized to advance any political or social agendas onto children.

77. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #27) Weakening National Security by Striking Funding for the B83-1 Nuclear Gravity Bomb Designed to Destroy Deeply Buried Targets in Adversary Nations.

The Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) amendment #27 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" would remove a section in the bill relating to the B83-1 nuclear gravity bomb and prohibit any funding for B83 sustainment. According to the sponsor, the elimination of funding for the B83 will save \$1.5 billion over the next 30 years, with no risk at all to our security. Opponents claim: "the B83 is the last megaton-class nuclear weapon in our arsenal. It exists to destroy deeply buried targets. China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran are putting some of the things they value most underground, covered in steel and concrete. The B83 is currently our only way of getting to those targets." Oppose is the Limited Government Position as protecting the nation from foreign adversaries and maintaining a strong military are some of the most essential roles of government. Adapting the philosophy of "Peace Through Strength" ensures the United States has the most technologically advanced weapons in the world, which is a critical component of avoiding costly and deadly conflict.

78. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #10) Protecting Taxpayers from Being Forced to Pay for Transgender Sex Reassignment Surgeries through the DoD TRICARE Health Program.

The Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT) amendment #10 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" would prohibit TRICARE (Department of Defense (DoD) healthcare program) from covering sex reassignment surgeries and hormone treatment for transgender individuals. According to the sponsor, the DoD has performed over 240 gender reassignment surgeries. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as taxpayer funds should not be utilized to provide elective services surrounding gender reassignment, as is the current case with Botox and other procedures designed to improve physical appearance. All such services and costs should be the responsibility of the individuals seeking to obtain them, not U.S. taxpayers.

79. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #5) Defunding a DOD Policy which Forces Taxpayers to Cover the Travel Expenses of Servicemembers Seeking Abortions.

The Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX) amendment #5 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" prohibits funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) memo titled: "Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health Care." This policy provides travel allowances to U.S. service members seeking an abortion if they are stationed in a state or region where they are lawfully unable to obtain an abortion. According to the sponsor, "the DOD memo is in direct violation of Federal law, specifically 10 U.S.C. 1093, which restricts funds made available to the DOD from being used for abortions". Support is the Conservative Position as it is not the role of government to promote abortion and force payment from taxpayers, many of whom may have strong religious objections, to advance abortions. All abortions are tragedies and every child deserves the right to life.

80. H.R. 2670 (Amd. #28) Weakening National Security by Reducing the Number of Nuclear ICB Missiles Held by the United States.

The Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) amendment #28 to the "National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024" eliminates the statutory requirement that the U.S. hold a minimum of 400 nuclear Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs). Oppose is the Limited Government Position as protecting the nation from foreign adversaries and maintaining a strong military is one of, if not the most, essential roles of government. Adapting the philosophy of "Peace Through Strength" ensures the United States has the most technologically advanced weapons in the world, which is a critical component of avoiding costly and deadly conflict.

81. H.R. 1 (Amd. #12) Ensuring an "America First" Energy Agenda by Repealing an EPA Policy that Grants Bureaucrats the Power to Implement Draconian Regulations to Benefit Foreign Nations.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #12 to the "Lower Energy Costs Act" repeals section 115 of the Clean Air Act. This section gives the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to impose emission reductions on the States if the administrator finds that American air pollution endangers the public health and welfare of another country. According to the sponsor, "removing the broadly written language in section 115 is the only way to prevent the delegation of nearly unlimited power over State energy sectors to the EPA bureaucrats and removes the ability of international organizations to meddle in our energy sector." Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment provides a critical safeguard against unaccountable EPA bureaucrats imposing draconian regulations on state economies to promote politicized climate change agendas. Considering the Biden Administration has reentered the Paris climate agreement, this amendment is especially necessary to prevent the implementation of "America Last" policies.

82. H.R. 1 Promoting Economic Growth through the "Lower Energy Costs Act", which Streamlines Regulations to Boost American Energy Production.

The "Lower Energy Costs Act", introduced by Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA), implements several regulatory reforms designed to boost American energy production. For example, the bill streamlines the permitting process to bring new energy projects online quicker, repeals tax and fee increases imposed by the Biden administration on energy production, and opens up a greater amount of federal lands and water for resource development. Support is the Limited Government position as American energy dominance is critical to not only making our nation and industry competitive abroad, but to lowering consumer costs. The Biden administration's war on American energy has unnecessarily driven up gasoline prices and costs across the U.S. economy.

83. H.R. 1 (Amd. #11) Strengthening Property Rights and Promoting American Energy Production by Restoring Regulatory Authority to State Legislatures Rather than the Delaware River Basin Commission.

The Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) amendment #11 to the "Lower Energy Costs Act" prohibits the Delaware River Basin Commission (as well as the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin) from imposing more stringent regulations on hydraulic fracturing than passed by the state legislature. According to the sponsor, "unaccountable bureaucrats at the Delaware River Basin Commission have instituted a hydraulic fracturing ban for a portion of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, stripping away property rights and mineral rights from Pennsylvanians in contravention of the will of their very own legislature." Support is the Limited Government Position as state legislatures - not unaccountable commissions - should be the ones with authority to increase the stringency of regulations. This amendment strengthens property rights while also promoting stronger economic growth through energy extraction.

84. H.R. 1 (Amd. #7) Strengthening Government Transparency by Reporting the Impact Regulations have on Energy Costs for Americans and Domestic Energy Independence.

The Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX) amendment #7 to the "Lower Energy Costs Act" requires the EPA, in consultation with the DOE, to submit a report to Congress identifying and assessing existing regulations that have negatively affected domestic energy independence and increased energy cost for Americans. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment helps strengthen government transparency and accountability by ensuring both lawmakers and everyday Americans are made aware of the costs associated with energy regulation. Since January 2021, the EPA has waged war on American energy and undone critical reforms implemented by the Trump administration, which boosted economic growth.

85. H.R. 5 (Amd. #20) Cutting Waste Within the Federal Education System by Block Granting the Funds to the States.

The Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) amendment #20 to the "Parents Bill of Rights Act" block grants funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to the states. The funds would be distributed based on the number of students in each state relative to the number of students within the United States. Support is the Limited Government Position as the Department of Education has become a bloated bureaucracy that goes against our Founding Father's belief in the concept of "laboratories of democracy". This measure helps eliminate waste, such as the distribution of federal funds to unnecessary and politicized initiatives, and instead helps empower state and local educational entities.

86. H.R. 5 (Amd. #19) Improving Educational Outcomes by Establishing a National School Voucher Program to Provide School Choice.

The Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) amendment #19 to the "Parents Bill of Rights Act" directs "funds to follow the student" so they can attend the school of their choice (i.e., public, private, or home school). The amendment effectively establishes a nationwide school voucher program with

the funds authorized for educational and instructional materials, tutoring, tuition for private school, and extracurricular activities. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure improves educational outcomes for all students by fostering competition and a market in education, which encourages schools to provide the best education so they can attract parents to enroll their child and receive the associated funding.

87. H.R. 5 (Amd. #13) Eliminating Safeguards Against Teachers being Trained in Radical Leftist Ideologies Which May be Passed Down to Students.

The Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-CA) amendment #13 to the "Parents Bill of Rights Act" strikes provisions within the bill that permit parents and guardians to review professional development materials for educators. According to the sponsor, these provisions "would impact educators' and school districts' already limited time and resources without any positive gain," while opponents claim "parents need to know who is teaching the teachers, and taxpayers have a right to know what kind of professional development they are paying for." Oppose is the Limited Government Position as these provisions help boost transparency and accountability within the education system. The provisions are especially necessary due to the fact that many professional development groups are creating materials that seek to push radical ideologies onto teachers so they are then passed onto students.

88. H.R. 5 (Amd. #15) Restoring Education Authority Back to the State and Local Level through the Abolishment of the Department of Education.

The Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) amendment #15 to the "Parents Bill of Rights Act" abolishes the Department of Education effective December 31, 2023. According to the sponsor, "it is time to return the power back to the States, back to the people, and back to the school boards to allow them to make these decisions locally." Support is the Limited Government Position as the Department of Education has become a bloated bureaucracy that goes against our Founding Father's belief in the concept of "laboratories of democracy". This measure helps eliminate waste and restore full educational authority back to the state and local level.

89. H.R. 5 Strengthening Transparency and Accountability within the Education System Through a "Parents Bill of Rights".

The "Parents Bill of Rights Act", sponsored by Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA), provides parents a series of new "rights" that local educational agencies and schools must provide parents. Provisions include the right to review school curriculum, the right to a list of books in school libraries, and the right to know if school restrooms or changing rooms are based on biological sex, among numerous other rights. Support is the Limited Government Position as this bill helps boost transparency and accountability within the education system. Lawmakers must ensure schools are held accountable to parents and measures, such as this bill, are crucial to ensure classrooms are not weaponized to advance any political or social agendas onto children.

90. H.R. 5 (Amd. #5) Granting Schools Authority to Teach Critical Race Theory and Distribute Books with Sexual and LGBTQ+ Content to Students.

The Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) amendment #5 to the "Parents Bill of Rights Act" substitutes the bill in its entirety to a new version. The new version contains provisions that include: protecting a schools ability to teach Critical Race Theory (CRT) and gender and LGBTQ+ ideology to students; protecting a school's library's ability to display books that may have sexual content; and hiking spending for a number of federally-funded education programs. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as it is the role of parents - not government bureaucrats - to introduce and discuss sensitive issues with their children and decide whether they should be introduced to CRT and other politicized content. All school curriculum and learning materials should pertain only to core subject areas and accessible to parents for review.

91. H.R. 4366 (Amd. #38) Protecting Individual Liberties by Terminating the COVID-19 Vaccination Mandates at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) amendment #38 to the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits any of the funding in the MILCON-VA appropriations bill from being used to carry out COVID-19 vaccine mandates at the Department of Veterans Affairs. According to the sponsor, "the mandate is unnecessary to keep our veterans or the VA staff safe. The former CDC director has said that the vaccines can't do anything to prevent transmission." Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure strengthens individual liberties by allowing VA staff to determine how best to cope and protect themselves from COVID-19, which has been around for over 3 years. This measure also ensures that congress - which is accountable to voters - sets vaccination policy, as opposed to unaccountable government bureaucrats within the VA.

92. H.R. 4366 (Amd. #35) Ensuring Veterans don't Lose their Second Amendment Rights if they Seek Assistance to Manage their Finances at the VA.

The Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL) amendment #35 to the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024" corrects a practice whereby veterans lose their Second Amendment rights if they seek assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to have their financial affairs managed. Currently, when a fiduciary is appointed to help manage the financial affairs of a veteran, the VA automatically reports the veteran to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and the veteran loses his or her right to have a firearm. This amendment prevents the automatic revocation of Second Amendment rights by instead requiring a judge to rule the veteran is a danger to themselves or others with a firearm. Support is the Limited Government Position as Veterans should not be forced to choose between receiving assistance with their finances or losing their Second Amendment Rights through this poorly devised one-size-fits-all policy.

93. H.R. 4367 (Amd. #51) Promoting an Open Border Immigration System by Defunding the Texas "Operation Lone Star" Border Security Operation, Which Includes Thousands of Police Officers and Miles of Barriers.

The Rep. Joaquin Castro (R-TX) amendment #51 to the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits Federal Homeland Security funding from being diverted for Operation Lone Star. This border security operation was launched by Texas Governor Greg Abbott as a way to reduce the number of illegal crossings from Mexico into Texas. Operation Lone Star is jointly run by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Military Department and includes deployment thousands of police officers and soldiers and miles of barriers. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as ensuring public safety and national defense is arguably the most important role of government. Failure to secure our nation's border not only has catastrophic implications on the ability to maintain law and order, but also creates countless other issues, ranging from welfare to the education system.

94. H.R. 4367 (Amd. #25) Promoting an Open Border Immigration System by Eliminating the Requirement that DHS Prioritize the Detention of Illegal Immigrants.

The Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-TX) amendment #25 to the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024" strikes section 224 of the bill, which requires the DHS secretary to prioritize detention of illegal immigrants over alternative options. According to the sponsor, section 224 "hamstrings DHS' operational flexibility to effectively manage their resources" while opponents claim "striking the provision will give the Biden administration a free pass to continue releasing migrants into the country, a total disregard of the law." Oppose is the Limited Government Position as ensuring public safety and national defense is arguably the most important role of government. Failure to secure our nation's border not only has catastrophic implications on the ability to maintain law and order, but also creates countless other issues, ranging from welfare to the education system.

95. H.R. 5894 (Amd. #28) Cutting Wasteful and Politicized Bureaucracy through Defunding the "Office of Diversity in Biomedical Research" and Transferring the Savings to the Spending Reduction Account.

The Rep. Bob Good (R-VA) amendment #28 to the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" transfers \$10 million allocated for the Office of Diversity in Biomedical Research to the Spending Reduction Account. According to the sponsor, "When it comes to the future of biomedical research, we want to know that the best of the best are researching ways to cure cancer, fight heart disease, and help us lead longer and healthier lives. None of those are racial problems. They are human problems." Support is the Limited Government Position as the Office of Diversity represents a wasteful bureaucracy and taxpayer funds should not be expended on politicized initiatives, such as diversity, inclusion, and social engineering. Furthermore,

lawmakers must cut similar bureaucratic waste throughout countless other agencies to reign in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

96. H.R. 2796 Growing the Size and Role of Government to Now Provide Education on "Capital-Raising" for Minority and Rural Businesses.

The "Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act", sponsored by Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA), would grow the size and role of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Office of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation. It calls to provide "educational resources and host events to promote capital-raising options for underrepresented and rural small businesses". Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this bill further grows the size and role of government beyond its core Constitutional duties. The private sector already provides a wealth of knowledge on capital raising options through the internet and business publications. This measure merely grows government bureaucracy and, unlike "profit and loss" signals within the private sector, provides no way to measure need or success. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

97. H.R. 5283 Combatting Illegal Immigration by Prohibiting Federal Funding from Being Used to Provide Housing to Individuals Residing in the Country Unlawfully.

The "Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act of 2023" sponsored by Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY) prohibits federal funding from being used to provide housing for illegal immigrants on any land that is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Land Management agencies. This includes the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service. Additionally, the bill revokes the lease signed with New York City to house large numbers of illegal migrants in an active community park in Brooklyn. Support is the Limited Government Position as ensuring public safety and national defense is arguably the most important role of government. Failure to secure our nation's border not only has catastrophic implications on the ability to maintain law and order, but also creates countless other issues, such as ones highlighted within this bill. Lawmakers must eliminate all incentives that may encourage illegal immigration, including taxpayer-funded benefits surrounding housing, education, and other welfare programs.

98. H.R. 4365 (Amd. #175) Ensuring Taxpayer Funds within the Defense Bill are Not Spent on Pride Activities and LGBTQ+ Events which Should be Privately Organized.

The Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) amendment #175 to the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024"

prohibits funds from being used to carry out the observance of Pride Month authorized by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness for the "Cultural Observances and Awareness Events list". According to the sponsor, the bill is in response to cases of Air Force Bases, such as Robins and Nellis, holding various Pride events for the LGBTQ+ community, including diversity color runs and attempted drag shows. Support is the Limited Government Position as it is not the proper role of government to promote and fund the activities of select individuals based on race, religious belief, or sexual orientation. While gratitude should be provided to every member of our Armed Forces for serving our country, such celebratory activities and events should be privately organized and promoted by the LGBTQ+ community, not by government bureaucrats.

99. H.R. 347 (Amd. #3) Increasing Government Transparency by Ensuring the Inflation-Impact Assessments Provided to Congress are also Made Available to Americans on the OMB Website.

The Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) amendment #3 to the "Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation Act" requires inflation-impact assessments to be published on the Office of Management and Budget's website for public review, not just reported to Congress. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment helps boost transparency and accountability in public policy. Measures such as this help ensure Americans are educated on the consequences of actions by the federal reserve and government interference in the free market.

100. H.R. 5933 (Amd. #5) Strengthening National Security by Requiring Colleges and Universities to Disclose any Funding they Receive that is Tied to Designated Terrorist Organizations.

The Rep. Marcus Molinaro (R-NY) amendment #5 to the "Defending Education Transparency and Ending Rogue Regimes Engaging in Nefarious Transactions Act or the DETERRENT Act" clarifies that ties to a designated terrorist organizations, such as Hamas, must be disclosed when a public college or university receives funds from a foreign group or individual. According to the sponsor, the measure "seeks to hold colleges, universities, and foreign actors accountable while providing the transparency necessary into any influence foreign countries are attempting to exert onto our Nation's students and academic institutions." Support is the Limited Government Position as amendment strengthens transparency within taxpayer-funded institutions of higher education and helps reduce potential avenues for terrorist groups to infiltrate and harm our nation.

101. H.R. 2494 (Amd. #1) Boosting Transparency on the Border Crisis by Publishing a Report on the Number of Illegal Immigrants Deported for Assaulting Law Enforcement Officers.

The Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) amendment #1 to the "Protect Our Law enforcement with Immigration Control and Enforcement Act of 2023 or the POLICE Act of 2023" requires the Department of Homeland Security to make publicly available on its website an annual report on the number of illegal immigrants deported for assaulting a

law enforcement officer. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure helps strengthen government transparency and accountability. Ensuring public safety and national defense is arguably the most important role of government. Failure to secure our nation's border not only has catastrophic implications on the ability to maintain law and order, but also creates countless other issues, ranging from welfare to the education system.

102. H.R. 277 (Amd. #12) Weakening the Check on Executive Branch Power by Requiring Congressional Approval for Just Regulations with Impacts of \$1 Billion or More (Previously \$100 Million) Under the "REINS" Act.

The Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA) amendment #12 to the "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2023" reduces congressional oversight of regulations by only applying the REINS Act to regulations with an economic impact of \$1 billion or more - it was previously \$100 million or more. Under the REINS Act, new rules imposed by federal agencies must be approved by Congress if they have an annual effect on the economy of more than \$100 million or result in a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, among other conditions. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this amendment weakens the REINS Act, which would provide a critical check on executive branch power. Federal agencies are comprised of countless unaccountable bureaucrats who have tremendous authority to impose regulations that directly impact the lives of Americans and the growth of the U.S. economy.

103. H.R. 277 Placing a Critical Check on the Regulatory Power of Unaccountable Bureaucrats within the Executive Branch Through the "REINS" Act.

The "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2023" sponsored by Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL) establishes a process whereby new rules imposed by federal agencies must be approved by Congress if they have an annual effect on the economy of more than \$100 million or result in a major increase in cost or prices for consumers, among other conditions. According to the sponsor, the bill "would reassert Congress' legislative authority and prevent excessive overreach by the executive branch in the federal rulemaking process." Support is the Limited Government Position as this bill places a critical check on executive branch power and unaccountable bureaucrats within federal agencies who have tremendous authority to impose regulations that directly impact the lives of Americans. The REINS Act is a critical tool to fight back against overreaching regulations and boost economic growth.

104. H.R. 277 (Amd. #4) Strengthening the Check on Executive Branch Power by Requiring Congressional Approval for Regulations with Impacts of \$50 Million or More (Previously \$100 Million) Under the "REINS" Act.

The Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) amendment #4 to the "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2023" increases congressional oversight of regulations by applying the REINS Act to regulations with an economic impact of \$50 million or more - it was

previously just \$100 million or more. Under the REINS Act, new rules imposed by federal agencies must be approved by Congress if they have an annual effect on the economy of more than \$100 million or result in a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, among other conditions. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment strengthens the REINS Act, which provides a critical check on executive branch power. Federal agencies are comprised of countless unaccountable bureaucrats who have tremendous authority to impose regulations that directly impact the lives of Americans and the growth of the U.S. economy.

105. H.R. 277 (Amd. #9) Protecting Life by Requiring Congressional Approval of Agency Actions which Increase Abortion.

The Rep. Bob Good (R-VA) amendment #9 to the "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2023" would expand the bill to also require congressional approval for any rule likely to result in increased access to abortion, abortion-related services, or abortion-related travel. Under the REINS Act, new rules imposed by federal agencies must be approved by Congress if they have an annual effect on the economy of more than \$100 million or result in a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, among other conditions. According to the sponsor, the amendment is needed to combat actions, such as the Veteran Affairs abortion rule, which would not be subject to congressional oversight in the underlying bill. Support is the Conservative Position as this amendment helps restrict abortion. All abortions are tragedies and every child deserves the right to life.

106. H.R. 2793 Reducing Regulatory Barriers for Businesses to Evaluate Potential Investors Ahead of an IPO Through the "Encouraging Public Offerings Act".

The "Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO), makes Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) more attractive for companies by allowing communication with potential investors to determine interest in a securities offering, either before or after the filing of a registration statement. According to the sponsor, the bill "will encourage more companies to go public and expand provisions of the JOBS Act by codifying an existing SEC rule to allow all companies to 'test the waters' and communicate directly with potential investors before filing for an IPO." Support is the Limited Government Position as this bill helps reduce regulatory barriers for businesses to attract potential investors and go public, thus boosting economic growth.

107. H.R. 2797 Reducing Government Overreach and Providing More Americans with the Ability to Invest in Venture Capital and Hedge Funds through the "Equal Opportunity for All Investors Act".

The "Equal Opportunity for All Investors Act of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Mike Flood (R-NE), relaxes qualifications to become an accredited investor, giving more people the ability to invest in private markets regardless of their wealth or income levels. Unlike stocks and bonds, which are open to all individuals, only

accredited investors are permitted to invest in private market vehicles, such as venture capital, private equity, and hedge funds. Support is the Limited Government Position as this bill removes unnecessary regulatory barriers to provide more individuals the freedom to invest in whatever entity or security of their choosing. This reduction in government overreach will further empower the free-market and grow the U.S. economy.

108. H.R. 3152 Ensuring National Security Through the Continuation of Sanctions on Iran's Missile and Drone Program upon the Expiration of the UN Ban.

The "Fight and Combat Rampant Iranian Missile Exports Act or the Fight CRIME Act", sponsored by Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX), imposes sanctions on a wide range of activities supporting Iran's missile and drone program ahead of the October 2023 expiration of the UN missile ban on Iran. Support is the Limited Government Position as even with the existing UN sanctions, Iran's missiles and drones have targeted U.S. troops, allies, and partners across the Middle East. Iran is one of the top U.S. adversary nations and terminating these sanction programs would worsen the already significant national security challenges Iran has placed on the U.S. and its allies.

109. H.Con.Res. 9 Denouncing Socialism and Opposing the Implementation of Socialist Policies in the United States.

This concurrent resolution, sponsored by Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL), states that Congress denounces socialism in all its forms and opposes the implementation of socialist policies in the United States of America. Support is the Limited Government Position as the "Father of the Constitution", President James Madison, wrote that it "is not a just government, nor is property secure under it, where the property which a man has in his personal safety and personal liberty, is violated by arbitrary seizures of one class of citizens for the service of the rest".

110. H.J.Res. 24 Preventing Voter Disenfranchisement by Nullifying a District of Columbia Law that Provides Voting Rights to Illegal Immigrants.

This joint resolution, sponsored by Rep. James Comer (R-KY), nullifies the "Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022," enacted by the council of the District of Columbia. The DC law provides non-citizens, including illegal immigrants, the right to vote in the nation's capital. Support is the Limited Government Position as the DC law disenfranchises American citizens by allowing their votes to be cancelled out by individuals residing in the country unlawfully. Ensuring the ability to vote is reserved only for citizens is a critical component to ensure free and fair elections, an essential component of democracy under our nation's constitutional republic.

111. H.Con.Res. 40 Expressing Support for Law Enforcement and Opposing Calls to "Defund the Police" and Other Anti-Police Criminal Justice Reforms.

This concurrent resolution, sponsored by Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO), recognizes local law enforcement officers and

condemns calls to defund or abolish the police, as well as other anti-police criminal justice reforms. According to the sponsor, the resolution is designed "to show support for our men and women in blue after they have been "mercilessly attacked" following the 2020 George Floyd riots." Support is the Limited Government Position as protecting property rights and ensuring public safety through a well-staffed and protected police force serve as essential components of government. Unfortunately, the defund the police movement and so-called criminal justice "reforms" have led to skyrocketing crime rates and are being advanced across the nation by George Soros and other left-leaning Billionaires through their funding of advocacy organizations.

112. H.R. 1640 Combatting the Biden Administration's Efforts to Infringe Consumer Cooking Options Through the "Save Our Gas Stoves Act".

The "Save Our Gas Stoves Act", sponsored by Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ), prohibits the Department of Energy from implementing the proposed rule titled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products". This regulation would impose energy efficiency standards on gas cooking products. Support is the Limited Government Position as the government should not infringe consumer appliance choices in order to advance a politicized environmental agenda. This measure is critical to combat the draconian regulations being advanced by the Biden administration, which may result in millions of Americans no longer being able to enjoy utilizing a gas stove to cook.

113. H.R. 3564 Repealing the Biden Administration's Mortgage Rule that Hiked Fees on Responsible Borrowers to Subsidize the Loans of those with Bad Credit.

The "Middle Class Borrower Protection Act of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Warren Davidson (R-OH), rolls back a rule by the Federal Housing Finance Agency that changed fees for mortgages under the loan-level-pricing-adjustment framework used by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The rule resulted in higher fees for individuals seeking mortgages with good credit, and lower fees for those with marginal credit and riskier borrowers. According to the sponsor, "responsible homebuyers with good credit are forced to subsidize those with bad credit" due to the rule. Support is the Limited Government Position as the Biden administration rule represents a wealth redistribution scheme that drives up housing costs for responsible homebuyers while rewarding those who have not been as fiscally responsible. Additionally, taxpayers are ultimately placed on the hook for this riskier lending through the government's backing of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac - as was the case in the 2008 financial crisis.

114. H.R. 1435 Protecting Automotive Freedom and the Internal Combustion Engine by Preventing California and Other States from Imposing Mandates that All New Vehicles be Electric or Zero Emission.

The "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act", sponsored by Rep. John Joyce (R-PA), prevents the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing

Clean Air Act waivers for state policies that seek to ban or otherwise limit the sale of internal combustion engine vehicles. The bill is largely in response to California, which has banned the sale of combustion engines starting in 2035 that is requiring all cars sold by that year to have zero emissions. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure is critical to protecting automotive freedom amid pushes by California and other states to force electric vehicle purchases. It is the role of the free market - not central planning by government bureaucrats - to determine the propulsion of new vehicle sales.

115. H.R. 1147 Strengthening Parental Rights by Repealing an Obama-Era Regulation that Prohibits Whole Milk from being Served in School Cafeterias.

The "Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA), permits schools under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to serve whole milk (3.25% milkfat). Since 2012, schools have only been able to serve fat-free or low-fat milk (2% milkfat) due to regulations championed by Michelle Obama. Support is the Limited Government Position as it is the role of parents - not politicians - to determine the food and beverages consumed by their child. This bill helps combat government overreach and strengthens parental rights.

116. H.R. 23 Protecting Taxpayers by Rescinding \$72 Billion in Funding that was Provided to Weaponize the IRS Under the Inflation Reduction Act.

The "Family and Small Business Taxpayer Protection Act" sponsored by Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE) rescind roughly \$72 billion from the \$80 billion in additional funding provided to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under last year's Inflation Reduction Act. According to the sponsor, the "bill would simply prevent the IRS from using its massive infusion of taxpayer dollars to harass and squeeze more revenue out of American families." Support is the Limited Government Position as the enormous cash infusion into the IRS further grows an agency with a long history of fraud and abuse, with examples ranging from the wrongful disclosure of private donor lists to the denial of organizational non-profit status due to politics. The hiring of 87,000 new IRS agents will merely drive greater harassment and suck even more resources out of the private sector. The most effective way to ensure tax compliance is by the transition to a simple flat tax system.

117. H.R. 26 Protecting the Right to Life Through the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

The "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act", sponsored by Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO), requires that infants born alive after an attempted abortion receive the same protection of law and degree of care as any newborn. Support is the Conservative Position as all children should have the right to receive lifesaving care, especially those who survive an abortion. All abortions are tragedies and every child deserves the right to life.

118. H.Con.Res. 3 Condemning Attacks on Pro-Life Facilities and Churches and Calling on the President to Utilize Law Enforcement to Support their Safety.

This concurrent resolution sponsored by Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA) condemns recent attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches and calls on the current presidential administration to use appropriate law enforcement authorities to support their safety. The resolution is largely in response to an increase in violence following the Supreme Court's majority opinion overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Support is the Conservative Position as protecting property rights and ensuring public safety is one of the most important functions of government. No person, business, or church should fear for their safety due to their political or philosophical beliefs.

119. H.R. 734 Ensuring Fair Competition in School Sport Leagues by Prohibiting Biological Males from Competing in Female Competitions.

The "Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL), prohibits school athletic programs from allowing individuals whose biological sex at birth was male to participate in programs that are for women or girls. Support is the Conservative Position as this measure protects the competitiveness of women's sports by ensuring females are not forced to compete against biological men. This requirement represents one of many restrictions (including height, weight, and age requirements) to ensure fair competition between public and private schools competing across the state.

120. H.R. 302 Growing Cronyism and Wealth Redistribution Through Additional Scholarships and Grants to Individuals Pursuing Cybersecurity or Energy Infrastructure at Universities.

The "Energy Cybersecurity University Leadership Act of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Deborah Ross (D-NC), provides grants, scholarships, and other forms of funding to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers focusing on cybersecurity and energy infrastructure. The bill also directs outreach to be targeted towards historically black colleges and universities, tribal colleges, and minority-serving institutions. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as it is the role of the private sector and free market - not government - to direct research and funding into the most promising industries. Like countless other higher education wealth redistribution schemes, this measure forces individuals who choose to pursue a trade or start a business, to subsidize the training costs of individuals who chose to enroll in higher education.

121. H.R. 2811 Promoting Fiscal Responsibility through the "Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023", which Makes a \$1.5 Trillion Debt Limit Hike Contingent on Multiple Spending Cuts.

The "Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX), lifts the debt ceiling by \$1.5 trillion (through March 2024) contingent on a number of conditions. Some of the major conditions include limiting increases in the federal budget to 1% per year, imposing

stricter work requirements on the federal SNAP program, rescinding \$70 billion in IRS funding, nullifying Biden's \$20,000 per borrower student loan forgiveness, repealing spending provisions within the Inflation Reduction Act surrounding climate change, and enacting the H.R. 1 "Lower Energy Cost Act". Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure serves as a solid step in the right direction to restoring some level of fiscal order to the nation. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

122. H.R. 2 Strengthening National Security Through the "Secure the Border Act", which Contains a Long List of Provisions Designed to Stop Illegal Immigration.

The "Secure the Border Act of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), contains a long list of provisions surrounding immigration and security at the southern border. Some of the major provisions include restarting border wall construction, hiring thousands of additional Border Patrol agents, equipping officers with better technology to detect drugs and illegal immigration, and additional E-Verify requirements. Support is the Limited Government Position as an unsecured southern border presents a major national security risk and places an enormous strain on taxpayer-funded resources ranging from law enforcement, welfare and education. While lawmakers should work to boost merit-based immigration to expand the U.S. workforce and economy, major policy changes must be made to curb illegal immigration and prevent dangerous individuals from entering the country.

123. H.R. 288 Placing a Critical Check on the Powers of Unaccountable Bureaucrats within the Executive Branch Through the "Separation of Powers Restoration Act" which Counters the "Chevron Deference".

The "Separation of Powers Restoration Act (SOPRA) of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Scott Fitzgerald (R-WI), is designed to counter the Supreme Court's 1984 decision in *Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, which declared courts must defer to agency interpretations of statutes. According to the sponsor, the Chevron ruling "has led to executive branch agencies circumventing Congress to issue rules with the force of law. The "Separation of Powers Restoration Act" repeals that precedent, restores congressional intent, and stops executive branch overreach." Support is the Limited Government Position as Chevron represents one of the very worst Supreme Court decisions in our nation's history, from a limited government perspective. This measure is critical to combatting regulatory overreach and restoring a critical legislative check on the actions of unaccountable bureaucrats within the executive branch.

124. H.R. 3799 Reducing Healthcare Costs for Both Businesses and Employees Through the "CHOICE Arrangements Act", which Bypasses Costly Mandates Under Obamacare.

The "Custom Health Option and Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangements Act", sponsored by Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK), allows employees to receive tax exempt funds from their employer to purchase a healthcare plan of their choosing. Through this system, employees could use the funds to purchase health plans that are exempt from many of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) regulations, which results in much cheaper healthcare plan options than what an employer could otherwise provide. Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure helps provide greater choice in healthcare at significantly lower cost, which benefits both businesses and their employees. The countless coverage mandates under the Affordable Care Act have caused healthcare premiums to skyrocket, with many individuals paying for coverage they do not need and can't afford.

125. H.R. 3941 Protecting Vulnerable Children from Potentially Dangerous Criminals by Preventing Illegal Immigrants from Being Housed in Public Schools.

The "Schools Not Shelters Act" sponsored by Rep. Marcus Molinaro (R-NY) prohibits K-12 schools, colleges, and universities that receive federal funding from being used as shelters to house illegal immigrants. The bill is in response to reports of school gymnasiums in New York City being utilized to house migrants. Support is the Limited Government Position as typically individuals allowed access into schools and around children is limited and often includes background checks. This measure is especially important considering these individuals, with some possibly having violent criminal records, have entered the country unlawfully and are now around vulnerable children. Lawmakers must take whatever actions are needed to secure the nation's borders and enforce immigration law.

126. H.R. 4664 (Amd. #38) Protecting American Energy Production by Blocking Biden's Executive Order "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad".

The Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) amendment #38 to the "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits funds from being used to implement the Biden administration's January 2021 executive order #14008 titled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad." According to the sponsor, "the Biden administration is calling for the government to put its thumb on the scale of free-flowing capital, pick winners and losers, and pursue an agenda to starve energy companies of the financing that they need and redirect capital into speculative green energy technologies that, frankly, are unproven and will not actually fix the climate." Support is the Limited Government Position as low-cost energy is essential to growing the economy and improving the quality of life for all Americans. With renewable energy only accounting for about 20 percent of the U.S. energy supply, the country must adopt an "all of the above" approach to energy production that balances environmental concerns with the need to provide Americans with the lowest possible energy costs.

127. H.R. 4664 (Amd. #101) Blocking a Draconian Regulation that Forces Federal Contractors to Disclose Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Submit "Climate Targets" to an Entity Tied to Democratic Donors and George Soros.

The Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-NY) amendment #101 to the "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits any funding to implement the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council's proposed "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk" rule. This rule requires all Federal contractors that do business of more than \$50 million with the Federal Government to disclose all scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions. This includes everything from emissions produced by the contractor (scope 1) to the emissions produced by things such as office supplies that they buy for their employees (scope 3). The rule also requires companies to comply with the Paris climate accords and set climate targets, which are then to be validated by a company called Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). According to the sponsor, SBTi is tied to the New Venture Fund, a left-wing dark money network funded by George Soros. Support is the Limited Government Position as this proposed federal rule represents a purely political measure designed to advance a radical environmental agenda, which will result in skyrocketing costs for federal contractors - and ultimately taxpayers - to comply with. Additionally, forcing all major federal contractors to comply with a radical-left entity such as the New Venture Fund makes the rule one of the very worst forms of cronyism.

128. H.R. 4468 Blocking Biden Administration Mandates that Force 70% of New Car Sales to be Electric by 2032.

The "Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023", sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), prohibits the implementation of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule titled "Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles." This rule, which requires roughly 70% of new car and truck sales to be electric in less than 10 years, imposes much stricter emission standards for cars and light-duty trucks. According to the sponsor, this bill "puts a stop to this executive overreach, allowing consumers to have the freedom to decide what car works best for them and their families and preventing auto manufacturers from being forced to meet unrealistic mandates". Support is the Limited Government Position as this draconian EPA rule infringes consumer choice, drives up the cost of automobiles, and will result in the elimination of gas-powered performance vehicles. This bill is critical to combatting the actions of government bureaucrats to centrally plan the product sales of automotive manufactures in order to advance a radical and politicized environmental agenda.

129. H.R. 357 Combatting Regulatory Overreach by Ensuring All Federal Rules Are Only Issued by the Individuals Who Have Been Appointed by the President and Confirmed by the Senate.

The "Ensuring Accountability in Agency Rulemaking Act", sponsored by Rep. Ben Cline (R-VA), requires all rules proposed by federal agencies, except in limited circumstances, to be reviewed, signed, and issued by an

individual appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. According to a study by the Pacific Legal Foundation, 98% of rules issued by the FDA from 2001 to 2017 were authorized by non-Senate confirmed officials, a practice that is also prevalent in other agencies. According to the sponsor, "preventing unelected career bureaucrats from initiating and issuing regulations is a common-sense solution to ensure greater accountability to American taxpayers in the rulemaking process." Support is the Limited Government Position as this measure helps combat practices of unaccountable bureaucrats imposing overreaching regulations that harm economic growth and directly impact the lives of Americans.

130. H.Res. 918 Ensuring a Proper Investigation into the Business Dealings of Joe and Hunter Biden Through the Authorization of an Impeachment Inquiry.

This resolution authorizes an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. The vote primarily provides Republican lawmakers with greater standing to issue and enforce subpoenas. The resolution follows an "impeachment inquiry" memorandum on September 27, 2023 that alleges President Biden may have unlawfully benefited from business dealings of his son, Hunter Biden. Support is the Limited Government Position as the memo issued by Chairman Comer, Jordan, and Smith layout significant evidence of potential wrongdoing by the Biden family. Elected officials at every level of government should be held accountable for their actions and this vote ensures that a proper investigation can take place into the matter.

131. H.R. 4665 (Amd. #42) Placing America First by Halting the Billions Provided to Ukraine at a Time when the U.S. is Facing a Border Crisis and Crippling Debt.

The Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) amendment #42 to the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" prohibits funds from being provided to Ukraine as part of the country's defense against Russia. According to the sponsor, in 2022 the U.S. provided \$113 billion in total assistance to Ukraine, which, in addition to weapons, has gone to fund their government, farmers, and small businesses. Additionally, "this is nothing more than a blank check for Ukraine that Joe Biden's State Department will get to write. Even more dangerously, they get to waive oversight, claiming national security. All this will do is fuel another never-ending war and push the United States even closer to the brink of nuclear Holocaust." Support is the Limited Government Position as Americans cannot afford to continue to pour hundreds of billions into Ukraine - especially without proper safeguards to prevent corruption and waste. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

132. Speaker Jordan Electing Rep. Jim Jordan as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives - The Candidate with the Strongest Track Record of Adherence to Limited Government Principles.

This vote (the third attempt) elects Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives to replace previous Speaker Kevin McCarthy. Support is the Limited Government Position as the research of the Institute for Legislative Analysis confirms that Rep. Jim Jordan has by far the strongest track record of adherence to the limited government principles of the U.S. Constitution of any of the proposed candidates for Speaker.

133. H.R. 3746 Advancing a U.S. Financial Collapse by Lifting the Debt Limit without Enacting Any Significant Fiscal Restraints to Stop the Deficit Spending.

This bill, the "Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023", raises the \$31.4 trillion U.S. debt ceiling through January 1, 2025. The bill is estimated to allow for \$4 trillion in additional debt while providing roughly \$1.5 trillion in discretionary spending reductions over ten years, which may or may not be fully realized. The bill also paves the way for a natural gas pipeline from West Virginia to Virginia and claws back some funding, which was provided to the Internal Revenue Service to hire additional employees. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as the budgetary gimmicks within the bill provide little, if any, significant reduction in spending, merely continuing the country's march to a financial collapse. Lawmakers must rein in the out-of-control spending and \$33 trillion in national debt, which, when coupled with the over \$185 trillion in federal liabilities, represents the greatest existential threat facing this country.

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