



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Filling Holes: The President's Budget v. the Omnibus

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:

- The President called Veterans Funding in the House and Senate bills “excessive” and tried to use it as an excuse to veto other domestic funding bills.
- The Omnibus rejects those claims, providing \$3.7 billion above his request, so that our veterans can get the top quality care that they deserve.

Energy and Water Development

Reducing Our Dependence on Foreign Oil in a Way that Cuts Greenhouse Gas Emissions:

- The President's budget cuts Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs by \$238 million.
- The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$486 million above his request, for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs including: Solar Energy (\$168 million), Biofuels (\$198 million), Vehicle Technology (\$213 million), Energy Efficient Buildings (\$109 million), Weatherization Grants (\$227 million), Water Power (\$10 million), and Geothermal Energy (\$20 million).

Health, Education, Labor

HEALTH

Medical Research

- The President's budget cuts Medical Research into disease like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer and heart disease at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by \$480 million.
- The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$613 million above his request.

Providing Access to Healthcare

- The President's budget cuts funding for to provide Access to Healthcare by \$595 million.
- The Omnibus rejects those cuts by providing \$1.1 billion above his request, supporting one of the largest federal agencies responsible for improving healthcare access, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Rural Health:

- The President's budget cuts Rural Health Programs by \$142 million.
- The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$147 million above his request, for grants to help more than 1,200 small, rural hospitals create healthcare networks for more than 775,000 rural residents in underserved communities, provide access to emergency defibrillation devices, and support rural health research centers and state rural health offices.

Public Health:

- **The President's budget cuts the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by \$220 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$393 million above his request, for primary public health activities.**

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance:

- **The President's budget cuts Energy Assistance for low-income families by \$379 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$788 million above his request, to help two million more low-income families and seniors than the President to cope with an anticipated colder winter and a 28 percent increase in home energy prices compared to last year.**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):

- **The President's budget cuts Mental Health Services by \$159 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$189 million above his request.**

Community Services Block Grant:

- **The President's budget eliminates funding for Community Service Block Grants.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$654 million above his request, to help states provide critical services, such as housing, home weatherization, parenting education, adult literacy classes, and emergency food assistance.**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: \$59.4 billion, rejecting the President's \$1.2 billion cut and \$2 billion above 2007.

Teacher Quality State Grants:

- **The President's budget cuts Teacher Quality grants by \$100 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$173 million above his request, providing 4,000 more teachers with needed help than last year.**

Special Education – IDEA Part B Grants:

- **The President's budget cuts Special Education by \$291 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$550 million above his request, reversing a two-year decline in the Federal contribution to help states and localities to educate 6.9 million children with disabilities**

Head Start:

- **The President's budget cuts Head Start by \$100 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$114 million above his request, to help sustain high quality preschool services for children currently enrolled in Head Start.**

Pell Grants:

- **The President's budget cuts Pell Grants by \$246 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$801 million above his request, increasing the average Pell Grant to \$4,731 when combined with mandatory funds provided in the College Cost Reduction Act, compared to \$4,310 in 2007. Between 2001 and 2006, the cost of attending a four-year public college increased by \$3,764 while the maximum Pell Grant increased by just \$300.**

Other Student Aid

- **The President's budget cuts \$900 million from every student aid program outside of Work Study and Pell Grants.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$900 million more than his request, supporting Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Perkins Loans and LEAP, and preserving assistance for roughly one million students.**

Vocational Education:

- **The President's budget cuts Vocational Education by \$575 million (50%).**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, by providing \$575 million above his request,** for technical training at high schools and community colleges.

LABOR

Title V Senior Employment:

- **The President's budget cuts Senior Employment programs by \$134 million,** eliminating 44,000 low-income seniors from the program.
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$172 million above his request.**

Training for Adult, Youth and Dislocated Workers:

- **The President's budget cuts Job Training and Employment Assistance by \$609 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$583 million above his request,** preserving services for 166,000 workers.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting:

- **The President's budget terminates funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in 2010 and cuts \$50 million from their budget next year.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$420 million in 2010 and protecting next year's funding,** to support public broadcasting programming in 1,150 locally-owned television and radio stations across the country.

Homeland Security

First Responder Grant Programs:

- **The President's budget would have cut Homeland Security Grants by \$1.1 billion.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$1.8 billion above his request.** These grants were funded at \$4.8 billion in 2004 and have been cut every year since even as homeland security costs have continued to rise. This includes: State Grants, including law enforcement (\$950 million), Urban Area Grants (\$820 million), Transit Grants (\$400 million), Emergency Management Performance Grants (\$300 million), Fire Grants (including SAFER) (\$750 million), Metropolitan Medical Response System (\$41 million), Interoperable Communications Grants (\$50 million), and Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grants (\$35 million).

Commerce, Justice, Science

State and Local Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention Grants:

- **The President's budget cuts State and Local Law Enforcement by \$1.4 billion.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$1.2 billion above his request.** From 2001 to 2006 these programs were cut by \$2.0 billion (\$4.7 billion to \$2.7 billion). Last year, the FBI reported that violent crime increased in 2005 and 2006 for the first time in a decade.
- **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS):**
 - **The President's budget cuts the COPS program by 94%.**
 - **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$555 million above his request,** to support local law enforcement agencies, including \$20 million for the "COPS on the Beat" hiring program, not funded since 2005.

Interior and the Environment

Environmental Protection Agency:

- **The President's budget cuts the Environmental Protection Agency by \$130 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$261 million above his request,** for programs to safeguard the health of our environment.

Agriculture

Rural Housing Loans:

- **The President's budget cuts Rural Housing loans by \$150 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$171 million above his request,** funding \$5.6 billion in affordable loans to provide housing to low-income families in rural areas with no increase in fees.

Homeownership for Rural Families:

- **The President's budget cuts grants to help low-income Rural Families Build Homes by \$24 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$29 million above his request,** for grants to allow low-income families in rural areas to build their own houses.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program:

- **The President's budget eliminated food aid for women, infants, children and the elderly.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$139.7 above his request** for food aid for women, infants, children, and the elderly. In 2007, program participation averaged 485,614 monthly.

Bringing 21st Century Services to Underserved Rural Areas:

- **The President's budget cuts technology services for rural areas by \$18 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$23 above his request,** for grants for distance learning, telemedicine, and broadband development in rural areas.

Financial Services

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund:

- **The President's budget cuts Economic Development for Rural Communities by \$26 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$65 million above his request,** to support economic development and financial services in disadvantaged and rural communities through housing loans, micro-business loans, community development banks and credit unions, and other efforts aimed at economic development and the expansion of low-cost financial services.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

Highway Infrastructure & Bridges:

- **The President's budget shortchanges funding to improve our nation's highways, providing \$631 million less than the transportation bill he signed into law just 2 years ago.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that shortfall, providing \$631 million above his request, to improve and maintain our nation's aging highway infrastructure, and provides \$1 billion above his request to address aging bridges throughout the nation following the I-35 bridge collapse.**

Amtrak:

- **The President's budget cuts Amtrak by \$394 million, which would have guaranteed Amtrak's bankruptcy.**
- **The Omnibus rejects that cut, providing \$425 million above the President's request, to continue current services and improve railway infrastructure.**

Airport Modernization, Safety and Efficiency:

- **The President's budget cuts improvement to our nation's airports by \$764 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$764 million above his request, to ease congestion improve safety and reduce noise.**

Community Development Block Grants:

- **The President's budget cuts Economic Development Projects by \$822 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$556 million above his request, to fund community and economic development projects in 1,180 localities.**

Housing for the Disabled:

- **The President's budget cuts Housing for the Disabled by \$112 million.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$112 million above his request, maintaining last year's level for grants to finance housing for disabled people.**

HOPE VI:

- **The President's budget eliminated Neighborhood Revitalization projects.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$101 million above his request, for competitive grants to revitalize neighborhoods by replacing outdated public housing with new mixed-income housing.**

Essential Air Service:

- **The President's budget cuts help for rural airports by \$60 million, eliminating air service to nearly a third of the communities that currently receive service.**
- **The Omnibus rejects those cuts, providing \$75 million above his request, to continue essential air service to small and/or rural communities.**