

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker:

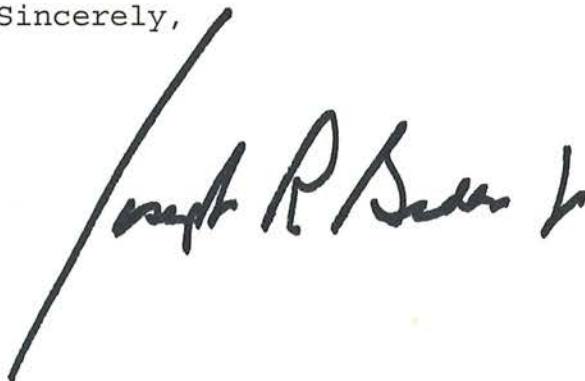
I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Education, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. These amendments are necessary to correctly reflect policies assumed in my FY 2025 Budget. These amendments would decrease by \$316 million the overall discretionary budget authority in my FY 2025 Budget.

This transmittal also contains one FY 2025 Budget amendment for the Legislative Branch. As a matter of comity and tradition, this appropriations request for the Legislative Branch is transmitted without change. This amendment would decrease by \$4 million the overall discretionary budget authority in my FY 2025 Budget.

Taken together, the transmitted amendments would decrease by \$320 million the overall discretionary budget authority in my FY 2025 Budget.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Biden Jr.", written over a long diagonal line that serves as a strike-through or underline.

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

May 20, 2024

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

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Taken together, the transmitted amendments would decrease by \$320 million the overall discretionary budget authority in your FY 2025 Budget.

Recommendation

I reviewed these amendments and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected departments and agencies in recommending you transmit the proposals to the Congress.

Sincerely,

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Shalanda D. Young

Enclosures

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau: NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
Heading: Conservation Operations
FY 2025 Appendix Page: 106
FY 2025 Pending Request: —
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "further" in the first proviso.)

This amendment would correct an inadvertent inclusion of the word "further," in the first proviso, as such a term is only appropriate in language for succeeding provisos.

The FY 2025 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this technical amendment.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Heading: TITLE VII--GENERAL PROVISIONS
FY 2025 Appendix Page: 172
FY 2025 Pending Request: —
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in section 727, add using the amounts made available under the heading "Agricultural Programs—Processing, Research, and Marketing—Office of the Secretary" in this Act, immediately after "the Secretary shall".)

This amendment would correct this General Provision to clarify that funding must come from the proposed amount under Agricultural Programs—Processing, Research, and Marketing—Office of the Secretary.

The FY 2025 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this technical amendment.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Heading: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Appendix Page: 341

FY 2025
Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in section 310, delete "and Labor" and substitute and the Workforce.)

This amendment would provide the correct name of the House Committee that the Secretary would submit a plan to, in the event the Secretary reserves funds made available for a Higher Education Act program to carry out independent evaluations pursuant to the authorities requested in section 310. The FY 2025 Budget request specified the prior name of the Committee.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Bureau: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
Heading: Salaries and Expenses
FY 2025 Appendix Page: 391
FY 2025 Pending Request: —
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$1,246,802,000" and substitute \$1,244,299,000; delete "\$2,402,040,000" and substitute \$2,402,292,000; delete "\$589,683,000" and substitute \$589,672,000; delete "\$296,320,000" and substitute \$296,385,000; delete "\$798,612,000" and substitute \$798,551,000; delete "\$80,622,000" and substitute \$80,726,000; and delete "\$395,202,000" and substitute \$397,356,000.)

This amendment would correct the allocations for the various Centers and related field activities within the proposed topline.

The FY 2025 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this technical amendment.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Heading: Disaster Relief Fund

FY 2025 Appendix Page: 504

FY 2025 Pending Request: \$22,708,000,000

Proposed Amendment: -\$316,000,000

Revised Request: \$22,392,000,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$22,708,000,000" and substitute \$22,392,000,000.)

This amendment would revise the amount requested for the Disaster Relief Fund for major disasters declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, which is designated as being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA). Section 251(b)(2)(D) of BBEDCA authorizes an adjustment to the caps for appropriations that are designated by the Congress as being for disaster relief, which is generally determined by the total average funding provided for disaster relief over the previous 10 years. The amount transmitted in the FY 2025 Budget request for this account for disaster relief was calculated using the temporary amounts provided by the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act (Public Law 118-15, as amended) for the FY 2024 level. Following transmittal of the FY 2025 Budget request, the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-47) was enacted which provided full-year funding for this account for FY 2024, which required a revision in the calculation for the amounts provided for disaster relief under BBEDCA.

The FY 2025 net budget authority totals would decrease by \$316 million as a result of this technical amendment.

Agency: CORPS OF ENGINEERS--CIVIL WORKS
Heading: Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
FY 2025 Appendix Page: 1010
FY 2025 Pending Request: —
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete the semicolon immediately after "and inland harbors" and substitute a comma.)

This amendment would correct the appropriations language to specify that the funding made available to carryout subsection (c) of 33 U.S.C. 2238c is provided from within the amount allocated for operation and maintenance costs, rather than in addition to those amounts.

The FY 2025 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this technical amendment.

Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: JOINT ITEMS
Heading: Office of Congressional Accessibility Services
FY 2025 Appendix Page: 15
FY 2025 Pending Request: \$6,121,000
Proposed Amendment: -\$4,283,000
Revised Request: \$1,838,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$6,121,000" and substitute \$1,838,000.)

This amendment would correct the request level for the Legislative Branch, Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, which was inadvertently overstated by \$4,283,000.

The FY 2025 net budget authority totals would decrease by \$4,283,000 as the result of this amendment.