## **FY 2020 MINIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILLS**

# Investing in America - Democrats Deliver for the Nation and the Middle Class

The \$1.4 trillion bipartisan, bicameral agreement to fund the federal government in fiscal year 2020 rejects the devastating and short-sighted cuts proposed by President Trump, and makes historic investments in the American people and working families.

This agreement fully implements the bipartisan budget agreement, reached earlier this year, and allows us to invest an additional \$27 billion in non-defense discretionary programs in our nation's children, improve our educational institutions, protect our environment, combat the opioid crisis, promote and grow our economy, invest in our infrastructure, and protect our elections. Below are some of the highlights.

## **Investing in Our Children**

The agreement includes significant new funding to invest in our children, support their early childhood development, and keep them safe, rejecting the President's proposed cuts to these programs. The agreement includes increases for the following programs:

- Child Care and Development Block Grant A record level of \$5.826 billion for CCDBG is included in the agreement, \$550 million over FY 2019, and more than double where the program was just three years ago. This important program provides federal funding to states to help expand and improve childcare services.
- **Head Start** A record level of \$10.6 billion in funding for Head Start is included in the agreement, a \$550 million increase, which will help expand education, health, and social services for our most vulnerable children.
  - O The agreement strongly supports **Early Head Start expansion** and **Child Care Partnerships** by providing a \$100 million increase, which will allow thousands more children to enter the program nationwide.
- **Preschool Development Grants** The agreement provides \$275 million for preschool development grants, an increase of \$25 million from FY 2019. The programs helps states enhance preschool program infrastructure and expand high-quality preschool programs in high-need communities.
- Child Nutrition Programs Total funding for Child Nutrition Programs is \$23.615 billion. Included in this amount is \$30 million for school equipment grants and \$35 million for Summer EBT. For fiscal year 2020, this funding will provide over 31 million children with lunch during each school day.
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

   The WIC program is funded at \$6 billion. Within that funding is \$90 million for breastfeeding peer counselors, an increase of \$30 million. This funding will ensure over 6 million women, infants, and children will receive the nutritional support they need.

• **Gun Research:** For the first time in decades, Congress will fund \$25 million in gun violence research at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health. This funding is a significant step to combat the gun violence epidemic and rash of school shootings facing our nation.

## **Improving Education for All Americans**

The agreement rejects the President's misguided budget proposals to cut more than \$10 billion in investments that improve access to education for all Americans. The agreement instead provides \$1.3 billion in increased investments, including:

- Education for the Disadvantaged The agreement includes \$16.3 billion, a \$450 million increase and a record level for the Department of Education Title I-A program, which is the heart of the federal effort to help schools provide high quality education to all students. This program reaches 80 percent of school districts and half of all schools.
- Special Education State Grants The agreement includes \$13.6 billion for these important grants, an increase of \$410 million from FY 2019. These grants are intended to cover 40 percent of the excess cost of special education and to support high-quality early education and interventions for young children with disabilities, but currently fall considerably short. This increase will help shrink that gap and improve early education for such children.
- Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants The agreement includes \$2.1 billion, an increase of \$76 million, to help reduce class sizes in early elementary schools and provide professional development to teachers and school leaders. The President proposed to eliminate this program.
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers The agreement includes \$1.25 billion, an increase of \$28 million, for this critical program to support afterschool, before-school and summer learning programs. The President proposed to eliminate this program.
- **Pell Grants** The agreement includes a \$150.00 increase in the Pell Grant maximum award, to a record level of \$6,345 per student. This program currently helps an estimated 7 million students each year afford college.
- College Access and Affordability The agreement includes \$240 million in additional investments in grant aid and work study programs and to strengthen critical minority serving institutions, including an increase of \$42 million (+15 percent) for strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The President either eliminated, cut or provided no increase for these programs.

## **Protecting Our Democracy and Securing Our Elections**

The agreement includes significant resources to help protect our democracy and secure our elections, including for the first time since FY 2018, grants to states to help upgrade election technology and improve cyber security. It also includes full funding for the decennial census to ensure a fair and accurate count, which is critical for purposes of congressional apportionment.

- State Election Security Grants The agreement includes \$425 million for Election Security grants, none of which were requested by the President. Funding election security grants is a matter of national security, preserving our democracy, and maintaining full faith in our elections. Election security is a vital issue in response to a confirmed threat of interference in our elections by foreign adversaries. This funding will build upon funding provided in fiscal year 2018 to continue to help states upgrade election technology, improve cybersecurity, and help prevent future cyberattacks.
- Election Assistance Commission (EAC) The agreement provides \$15.2 million for the EAC, an increase of \$6 million above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level and \$3.2 million more than the President's budget request. With this funding, EAC will ensure that voting systems are tested to federal standards, as well as provide information to support the voting process, and effective and efficient election administration.
- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)** The agreement includes \$43.5 million for DHS to assist state and local governments in enhancing security and providing resilience for elections. This is \$10.5 million more than FY 2019.
- Census The Census not only determines congressional apportionment, but also is relied on to distribute \$900 billion in federal funds. The agreement provides \$7.6 billion for the Census Bureau, an increase of \$3.7 billion above the fiscal year 2019 enacted amount and \$1.4 billion above the President's request, to ensure that the Census has the resources to achieve a fair and accurate count.

#### **Combatting the Opioid Epidemic**

The agreement contains \$3.8 billion within the Department of Health and Human Services, and additional funds in the Department of Justice, to address opioid addiction nationwide. Some of these investments include:

- State Opioid Response Grants The agreement provides \$1.5 billion for State Opioid Response Grants, continuing the historic investment initiated in FY 2018.
  - o The agreement includes more than \$475 million for **opioid overdose prevention** and surveillance at the CDC to continue to work collaboratively with states to track overdose data as closely to real-time as possible and support efforts to prevent overdoses and save lives. The agreement continues to invest in programs to prevent overdose deaths, including first responder training.

- o In order to provide comprehensive and coordinated behavioral health care, the deal increases funding for **Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers** by \$50 million.
- Responding to Substance Abuse in Our Communities The agreement provides our communities and first responders a total of \$518 million in dedicated Justice Department grant program funding to fight substance abuse, including opioids, and drug trafficking, This is an increase of \$42 million above the fiscal year 2019 funding level, and \$140.5 million more than the President's request.
  - o The largest part of this funding is \$378 million for Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) grants, an increase of \$31 million above the fiscal year 2019 funding level and \$48 million more than President's request.
  - O The agreement rejects the Administration's plan to eliminate both the anti-heroin task force and anti-methamphetamine task force programs within the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office, respectively funded at \$35 million, an increase of \$3 million more than the fiscal 2019 level, and \$13 million, an increase of \$5 million more than the fiscal year 2019 level.
- VA Opioid Safety Initiatives \$402 million is included to build upon opioid reduction efforts and safety initiatives at the VA, including prevention and treatment programs.
- Transitional Housing Assistance \$25 million is included as a set-aside in the Community Development Block Grant program to assist states that are most impacted by the drug overdose epidemic with providing stable temporary housing for individuals recovering from substance use disorders.

#### **Protecting Our Environment**

The agreement provides over \$5 billion more than the President requested to protect national parks and public lands and fund critical environmental protection and conservation programs funded through the Department of the Interior, Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Energy, including funding for the following programs:

- Environmental Protection Agency The agreement includes \$9 billion for the EPA, an increase of \$207 million, rejecting President Trump's proposal to slash EPA funding by \$2.6 billion and gut funding for climate and air quality programs. The agreement achieves the second consecutive year of growth after 4-plus years of flat or declining budgets.
- **PFAS-Related Water Cleanup** EPA receives \$43 million in the agreement for new funding for PFAS-related cleanups, research, and regulatory work, and DoD provides \$311 million.

- Regional Geographic Programs The agreement includes a \$53 million increase for EPA regional cleanup programs, for a total of \$510 million. This includes a \$20 million increase for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, for a total funding level of \$320 million, and a \$12 million increase for the Chesapeake Bay program for a total of \$85 million. Every single EPA geographic program sees an increase, including significant boosts for Long Island Sound, San Francisco Bay, Puget Sound, and others, rejecting the President's request to terminate most of these programs.
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) The agreement includes a \$60 million increase for LWCF, for a total of \$495 million, which is highest discretionary funding level provided for this critical conservation program since fiscal year 2004. The President had proposed to effectively eliminate LWCF.
- National Parks and Other Public Lands The agreement boosts operating funds for national parks by 4 percent above the fiscal year 2019 level, including key increases for deferred maintenance need and construction programs to address the \$12 billion maintenance backlog at the National Park Service, as well as \$16 million in new funds for historic preservation. The Bureau of Land Management (+2 percent), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (+4 percent), and U.S. Forest Service (+2 percent non-fire) all receive operating increases for key conservation needs.
- Energy Efficiency and Renewables The agreement includes \$2.848 billion, an increase of \$469 million (+20 percent). This represents the largest investment in the program that researches the means of lowering costs and raising output across the spectrum of renewable energy generation. The weatherization program is increased by \$51 million over fiscal year 2019.
- **Modernizing Energy Infrastructure** The agreement includes \$346 million, an increase of \$70 million (+25 percent) to develop and deploy technologies that increase the flexibility and resilience of energy delivery systems, including against a growing range of cybersecurity threats.
- Combatting Wildfires The agreement includes \$3.6 billion for fighting wildfires, including \$2.250 billion in new wildfire disaster cap assistance to fully fund fire suppression needs and stop the cycle of fire borrowing without hollowing out other critical priorities.
- International Fisheries Commissions The agreement includes \$62.7 million for international fisheries commissions, \$12 million above the FY 2019 level and a rejection of President Trump's proposed cut of \$16 million, including new investments to:
  - Contribute to the Mark-Selective Fishery Fund established under the Pacific Salmon Treaty; and

- O Support local efforts to combat grass carp and address risk-based sea lamprey control and science and research needs in the Great Lakes Basin to protect the health of regional fisheries that support a \$7 billion economy.
- **Biodiversity Programs** The agreement includes \$315 million for USAID biodiversity conservation programs that protect forests, marine ecosystems, and wildlife; help reduce pollution and other negative economic and environmental impacts; and increase clean energy access and efficiency. A \$30 million increase above fiscal year 2019 level.

## **Combatting Climate Change**

Notwithstanding the President's denial of the reality that is climate change, the agreement includes significant resources to combat this threat in the new fiscal year. This funding includes:

- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy The agreement includes an increase of \$469 million for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy program at the Department of Energy, bringing its total to \$2.848 billion, a record level.
- Electric Buses The agreement includes a \$45 million increase for the Low and No Emission transit program at the Department of Transportation, which allows transit agencies to replace their aging gas powered fleet with modern, energy efficient buses.
- Environmental Protection Agency The agreement includes an increase of \$207 million for EPA, to \$9 billion, rejecting President Trump's proposal to slash EPA by \$2.6 billion and gut funding for climate and air quality programs.
- U.S. Geological Survey's National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers

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  National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers, which provide scientific
  support to directly address climate challenges, for a total of \$38 million. The agreement
  also rejects the President's attempt to slash climate science and mitigation programs
  within the budgets of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Forest Service.
- **Bureau of Indian Affairs** The agreement includes an increase of \$5 million, for a total of \$15 million, for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' tribal cooperative landscape conservation program, which help American Indians and Alaska Natives build capacity to address the impacts of climate change.
- NASA Earth Science The agreement includes an increase of \$238 million for NASA's Science programs (\$7.14 billion); including \$1.97 billion for NASA Earth Science, an increase of nearly \$41 million. NASA Earth Science is one of the largest contributors to climate science.
- NOAA The agreement includes an increase of \$24 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) research at \$590 million. This includes a \$10.5 million, or 7 percent increase, above fiscal year 2019 for climate research.

- **DOE's Energy Science Program** The agreement includes an increase of \$415 million within the Department of Energy's Science Programs (\$7 billion).
- USAID renewable energy and adaptation programs The agreement includes new bill directives for Department of State and USAID renewable energy and adaptation programs. Not less than \$179 million for renewable energy programs, and not less than \$177 million for adaptation programs.
- **Military Installation Resilience** An increase of \$75 million above the budget request to allow the services to plan and design modern facilities that are more resilient and capable of withstanding extreme weather

#### **Promoting and Growing Our Economy**

The agreement includes significant resources in job training, support for small businesses, investments in community, and funds to facilitate and promote trade programs that the President proposed to cut, and which are designed to support and grow our economy and promote jobs.

- **Job Training and Employment Services** The agreement makes record levels of investment in programs critical to ensuring America's workers have the education, skills training, and employment services necessary to secure good jobs and create a robust workforce, including:
  - Employment and Training Administration The agreement includes \$9.3 billion for DOL's Employment and Training Administration, a \$178 million increase, rejecting President Trump's proposal to cut these programs by \$1 billion.
  - Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) The deal includes \$2.82 billion for the WIOA Training formula grants to states, an increase of \$30 million above FY 2019.
  - Registered Apprenticeship Program This critical program receives \$75 million, a \$15 million increase from FY 2019, to expand work-based learning programs in in-demand industries through registered apprenticeships that are a proven strategy for simultaneously meeting the needs of our nation's workforce and industry.
- Support for Small Businesses The agreement provides a 40 percent increase for the Small Business Administration which helps small businesses nationwide succeed and grow. The agreement also provides \$261 million for SBA grant programs, a \$13 million increase from FY 2019. This includes increases for Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, Veterans Programs, and Microloan Technical Assistance.

- Investing in Our Communities The agreement provides \$333 million for the Economic Development Administration, which provides infrastructure and planning grants to all 50 states. This is a \$29 million increase from FY 2019, including \$118.5 million for Public Works grants, \$37 million for Economic Adjustment Assistance grants, and \$33 million for the Regional Innovation Program. The agreement also provides \$15 million for a new program to support communities dealing with the closure of a nuclear power plant and \$2 million for a new pilot program to support science- and tech-related apprenticeships.
- Facilitating Trade The agreement includes an increase of \$13 million at the International Trade Administration (ITA) for export promotion to help our small- and medium-sized businesses compete in the international market.
  - O The agreement also provides much needed increases for trade enforcement to ensure a level playing field for U.S. businesses. In particular, the agreement provides an increase of \$4 million for ITA trade enforcement and an increase of \$10 million for the Bureau of Industry and Security.
  - o Additionally the **U.S. International Trade Commission** receives \$99 million, an increase of \$4.4 million above fiscal year 2019, to carry out the miscellaneous tariff bill-related responsibilities under the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act.
  - O The agreement also includes \$96 million, an increase of \$10 million, for the **Bureau of International Labor Affairs** to provide more support for monitoring and improving compliance with labor rights of our trading partners under free trade agreements and trade preference programs.
- **Supporting Small Manufacturers** The agreement provides an additional \$6 million for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which helps manufacturers grow their businesses.

#### **Investing in Infrastructure**

The agreement rejects the President's proposed \$3 billion cut to the Department of Transportation (DOT) programs and instead provides \$86.1 billion in total budgetary resources allowing for supplemental investments into the state of good repair of our nation's infrastructure to address multimodal demands for safety and capacity improvements.

- **BUILD/TIGER** The agreement includes \$1 billion, a \$100 million increase over FY 2019, for the BUILD/TIGER program to allow communities to make transformative investments in their surface transportation infrastructure that address congestion, improve safety, create jobs, and expand economic opportunities nationwide.
- Amtrak The agreement rejects the President's proposal to cut Amtrak's funding by 52 percent and instead provides \$2 billion for the Northeast Corridor (NEC) and National

Network, an increase of \$58 million from fiscal year 2019. For the replacement of the single-level passenger cars used on the NEC and state-supported routes, the agreement includes \$100 million to support a multi-year, \$1.5 billion acquisition to replace Amtrak's 40-year old fleet.

- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grants The agreement includes \$325 million, a \$70 million increase over fiscal year 2019, for CRISI grants which can be used for a broad number of eligible activities that address railroad safety and infrastructure needs. Eligible projects include deployment of railroad safety technology, such as Positive Train Control (PTC), and capital projects, such as stations or platforms, rail line relocation or improvement, highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, and planning and environmental work.
- Corps of Engineers The agreement provides \$9.33 billion to improve the nation's water infrastructure, which includes a record level of funding for the Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works program at \$7.65 billion, an increase of \$651 million over fiscal year 2019. Funding for the Corps will be used to build flood control projects that reduce the risk of flood and storm damage and the maintenance of our ports, harbors, and inland waterways.

## **Promoting Community Development and Supporting Affordable Housing**

On an overwhelming bipartisan basis, the agreement rejects the President's proposal to totally eliminate our key federal affordable housing and economic development programs, including the Public Housing Capital Fund, HOME, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and Choice Neighborhoods. As 71 percent of low-income renters spend more than half of their limited income on housing and half a million people go without shelter on any given night, preserving and investing in affordable housing programs is fundamentally necessary to prevent more families from falling into unsafe housing situations or homelessness.

- Community Development Block Grants The agreement includes a total of \$3.425 billion for CDBG, a \$125 million increase over FY 2019, which will benefit approximately 6.8 million low-income Americans through public service programs, including services for seniors and persons with disabilities, employment training, and food banks.
- Choice Neighborhoods The agreement provides a total of \$175 million for neighborhood planning and transformation grants, an increase of \$25 million over FY 2019. Choice Neighborhoods is a competitive grant program that allows for broad based community-driven rehabilitation and redevelopment of severely-distressed HUD-assisted housing.
- **HOME** The agreement includes a total of \$1.35 billion for the HOME program, an increase of \$100 million, the only federal program solely dedicated to affordable housing production and preservation. Additional HOME funds will provide gap financing for development projects and leverage an additional \$10 billion in public-private investments

for local affordable housing production and rental assistance for nearly 55,000 low-income households.

- **Homeless Assistance** The agreement provides a total of \$2.77 billion, an increase of \$141 million, for Homeless Assistance Grants, which provide permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and emergency shelter to homeless individuals and families.
- **Public Housing Capital** The agreement rejects the President's request to eliminate this program, and instead includes \$2.869 billion, a \$95 million increase, in order to enable nearly 3,000 public housing agencies to perform annual routine maintenance and rehabilitation of the nation's 1 million public housing units.

#### **Investing in Science and Research**

Investment in cutting edge science and research is vital to ensure America leads the way in new technologies, new medical treatments, and breakthrough therapies. The agreement rejects the President's cuts to many of these programs and affirms the commitment of our federal government to keeping America at the forefront of new discoveries.

- National Institutes of Health The agreement includes \$41.5 billion for NIH, a \$2.375 billion increase, with significant funding for Alzheimer's disease and brain research, rejecting President Trump's proposal to cut the program by \$4.9 billion.
- National Science Foundation (NSF) NSF receives an increase of \$203 million compared to fiscal year 2019 enacted, for total funding at \$8.3 billion. This funding includes \$6.7 billion for NSF's research and research facilities, an increase of \$217 million above the fiscal year 2019 level and \$1 billion more than the President's request.
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) NIST measurement labs and research receives \$754 million, an increase of \$29.5 million or 4 percent above the FY 2019 level.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) NASA receives \$22.6 billion, \$1.1 billion above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level and \$13 million above the President's request. NASA Science is funded at \$7.1 billion, which is \$233 million higher than the fiscal year 2019 level and \$745 million above the President's request. The agreement continues funding for more than \$800 million in projects that the budget request proposed to cancel, including NASA Education, the Wide-Field InfraRed Survey Telescope, Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, and Ocean Ecosystem, Climate Absolute Radiance and Refractivity Observatory-Pathfinder, and Carbon Monitoring System. The agreement also invests in transportation systems and landers that will enable a human return to the moon.

- VA Medical & Prosthetic Research VA receives \$800 million towards medical and prosthetic research initiatives for veterans. This is an increase of \$38 million above the President's budget request, and \$21 million above fiscal year 2019 funding levels. This will fund critical research for VA, including into the impacts of burn pits, developing novel approaches to restoring veterans with amputation, central nervous system injuries, loss of sight or hearing, and other physical and cognitive impairments so veterans can live full and productive lives.
- Office of Science, Department of Energy The Office of Science is funded at \$7 billion, an increase of \$415 million over fiscal year 2019. The Office of Science is the federal government's largest investment in the physical sciences with funding going to national laboratories and universities across the United States.

## **Honoring Trust and Treaty Responsibilities for Native Americans**

The agreement includes important investments to allow the United States to meet its trust and treaty obligations to American Indians and Alaska Natives by rejecting the Administration's budget proposal to slash funding for Indian Country and instead providing key increases to tribal health, education, public safety, natural resources and other programs.

- Indian Health Service The agreement provides \$6.047 billion for the Indian Health Service (+4 percent above fiscal year 2019), including \$89 million in new funding for leases and costs required to fulfill self-governance requirements, \$84 million to staff new tribal health facilities, an \$8 million increase for Indian health professions to address recruitment and retention issues, and a \$6 million increase for urban health programs. All told, the agreement boosts funding for tribal health programs by \$137 million above the President's budget request.
- Indian Affairs The agreement provides \$3.223 billion for Indian Affairs programs funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education (+4 percent above fiscal year 2019). This amount includes \$22 million in new funds for law enforcement and public safety programs, including new investments to address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women; \$10 million to funds new tribal school construction; and a 5 percent increase for operations of tribal colleges. The agreement is \$448 million above the Trump Administration's budget request for BIA and BIE programs.

#### **Caring for Those Who Serve**

The agreement provides \$81 billion for VA to provide healthcare for veterans, more than \$7.5 billion over last year's enacted levels, and \$40 million over the President's budget request. This will fully fund the new MISSION Act, as well as expand access to care in VA facilities.

- Rural and Telehealth Initiatives To enhance access to VA services for veterans living in rural and remote areas, the agreement provides \$1.1 billion in telehealth initiatives and \$300 million for rural health programs to connect veterans with the healthcare they have earned with their service.
- Mental Health To address the veteran suicide epidemic, the agreement includes \$9.4 billion in mental health and suicide prevention efforts, \$20 million above the budget request. This funding includes supporting outreach programs.
- Women Veterans The agreement provides \$585 million in funding dedicated to women veterans' healthcare, nearly \$90 million over the level requested in the President's budget. This funding supports hiring female providers, enhancing services in women's clinics, and expanding women peer support services.
- Veteran Homelessness The agreement provides \$1.8 billion to fund programs serving homeless veterans, including the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Grant and Per Diem (GPD), and Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) programs. Additionally, it includes funding for Veterans Justice Outreach Program, in its efforts to provide VA services to incarcerated veterans.

## **Keeping Our Communities Safe**

Americans deserve to be safe in their communities and schools. The agreement makes significant investments to fight crime and terrorism, implement criminal justice reforms, combat violence against women, and keep communities safe from gun violence.

- Federal Law Enforcement Federal law enforcement agencies within the DOJ, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Marshals Service, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and Bureau of Prisons, all receive at least a 3 percent increase in this agreement and are funded at a total of \$22.5 billion, \$686 million more than fiscal year 2019 and \$453 million more than the President's request.
- **Grants to State and Local Law Enforcement** –The Byrne-JAG program is funded at \$547.2 million, an increase of \$123.7 million more than the fiscal year 2019 level and \$142 million more than the President's request. COPS Hiring is funded at \$235 million, an increase of \$6.5 million more than the fiscal year 2019 level and \$136 million more than the President's request, which will place approximately 1,300 more police officers on the streets of our communities.

- First Step Act Implementation For the first time, this agreement provides dedicated new funding of \$75 million, the fully authorized level, for implementation of the First Step Act (FSA) criminal justice reform legislation that was signed into law in December 2018. This funding will allow the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to complete the Risk and Needs Assessment tool, which will assess each inmate's risks and needs, assign inmates to appropriate evidence-based recidivism reduction programs, and establish additional earned time credits. BOP is further directed to expand programs covered under the FSA including medication assisted treatment programs, recidivism reduction partnerships with non-governmental and faith-based organizations, and assisting with securing identification documentation and benefits when inmates are nearing their release date.
- Addressing Violence Against Women (VAWA) The agreement contains \$502.5 million, the highest funding level ever, for grants provided by the Office on Violence Against Women. Funding is provided for multiple competitive and formula grant programs that support training for police officers and prosecutors, state domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, rape prevention programs, lethality assessment and homicide reduction initiatives, domestic violence hotlines, and women's shelters and transitional housing support services. The agreement provides \$48 million to support the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, which supports multi-disciplinary community response teams tasked with developing and implementing comprehensive reform regarding sexual assault, including reducing the backlog of rape kits at law enforcement agencies.
- Combatting Gun Violence This agreement fights gun violence with over \$1.3 billion in resources to help keep our homes, schools, and neighborhoods safe. This amount is \$105 million more than fiscal year 2019 and \$81 million more than the President's request.
  - O The agreement provides \$131 million to the FBI, an increase of \$24.9 million above fiscal year 2019 and \$16.3 million more than the President's request, to run instant background checks and help keep guns out of the hands of known criminals.
  - o It will give the ATF a total of \$943 million, an increase of \$51 million more than the fiscal year 2019 level and \$32 million more than the President's request, for criminal enforcement, investigations, and inspections to enforce gun laws, trace firearms found at crime scenes, and keep illegal guns away from traffickers and criminals.
  - O The agreement also provides a total of \$233.3 million in Department of Justice grant programs to address gun violence and keep our communities safe, including \$78.3 million for all states to improve the quality of criminal and mental health records so interstate background checks are more effective, \$10 million to train local police on how to respond to active shooter situations through POLICE Act grants, \$12 million for improved officer safety through VALOR grants, \$8 million for Community Based Violence Prevention grants, and \$125 million for STOP School Violence Act grants.

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