COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2027

The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2027 provides $81.1 billion in discretionary funding. The bill promotes U.S. economic development, jobs, and foreign exports; combats violent crime, foreign terrorist threats, and Mexican cartels; and maintains U.S. dominance in scientific research in space.

Key Takeaways

- Promotes and supports the U.S. economy and its workers with strategic investments in the Department of Commerce to revitalize distressed communities and by promoting exports for small-and medium-sized businesses. The bill supports the U.S. trade agencies' efforts to ensure a level-playing field and protect our most valuable technology and intellectual property from foreign adversaries.

- Combats violent crime, foreign terrorist organizations, and cartels with critical Department of Justice funding, to federal law enforcement agencies to disrupt and dismantle some of threats from violent criminals, foreign terrorist organizations, and the cartels that are flooding our country with fentanyl. The bill also supports the Office of the United States Attorneys to ensure bad actors are prosecuted and incarcerated.

- Maintains U.S. dominance in science and space with funding to National Aeronautics and Space Administration to maintain American hegemony in low Earth orbit, positioning the U.S. to win the race against China to the Moon, and ultimately reach Mars. The bill also provides National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) funding to ensure American scientists and researchers continue to be the best in the world, and can predict and prepare for severe weather.

Bill Highlights

International Trade Administration: $590 million for the International Trade Administration to promote foreign exports for small- and medium-sized U.S.

businesses. Also invests in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to help negotiate advantageous trade deals.

Economic Development: $357.8 million for economic development assistance programs to revitalize economically distressed communities.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: $6.2 billion for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to ensure thriving fisheries and first-in-class weather forecasting.

Bureau of Industry and Security: $414.2 million in the Bureau of Industry and Security to protect valuable, advanced technologies from foreign adversaries.

Federal Bureau of Investigation: $11.5 billion for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate violent gangs and transnational criminal organizations, financial fraud, child predators, foreign counterintelligence threats, and foreign terrorist organizations.

Drug Enforcement Administration: $2.7 billion for the Drug Enforcement Administration to disrupt and dismantle the Mexican cartels.

Offices of the United States Attorneys: $2.7 billion for the Offices of the United States Attorneys and $1 billion for the Department of Justice's litigating divisions, to investigate, prosecute, and incarcerate criminals. Within the litigating divisions, provides additional resources to investigate, prosecute, and deter fraud in federal programs at the expense of American taxpayers.

U.S. Marshals Service: $1.8 billion for the U.S. Marshals Service, to apprehend violent fugitives and protect the Federal Judiciary.

Law Enforcement Grants and Victim Support: $3.7 billion in grants to support state and local law enforcement and to provide services and support for victims of crime. The bill ensures $1.95 billion from the Crime Victims Fund will provide services and support for victims of crime.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): $24.9 billion for NASA, including $8.3 billion for the Artemis program, to preserve U.S. leadership in space. The bill supports a sustained American presence on the Moon, strengthens the Nation's leadership in commercial low Earth orbit, advances groundbreaking space science, revolutionary aeronautics, and nuclear propulsion technologies for deep-space exploration, and invests in the research, technology, and industrial capabilities necessary to ensure the United States wins the race against China to the Moon and ultimately leads human exploration of Mars.

National Science Foundation: $8.8 billion for the National Science Foundation and $1.1 billion for the National Institute of Standards and Technology to ensure the U.S.

remains at the forefront of cutting-edges fields including quantum information science, artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, and advanced manufacturing.

Bureau of the Census: $1.9 billion for the Bureau of the Census to undertake substantial preparations for the 2030 Decennial Census.

National Telecommunications and Information Administration: $51 million for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to ensure timely distribution of the broadband funding provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: $5.2 billion for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to promote intellectual property rights and spur U.S. innovation.