



June 7, 2018

Key Vote YES on Limited Government Amendments to the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, H.R. 5895

On behalf of FreedomWorks' activist community, I urge you to contact your representative and ask him or her to vote YES on limited government amendments to the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, H.R. 5895. These five amendments would eliminate some wasteful spending across the bill.

Amendment #11: Sponsored by Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.), this amendment would reduce the total amount of appropriations made available by \$1.5 billion to match the fiscal year 2018 enacted level. Increasingly high spending levels appropriated by Congress year after year have buried our country in unsustainable debt. This amendment would realize the fact that our country needs to spend less and certainly cannot afford to spend any more than it did in fiscal year 2018.

Amendment #30: Sponsored by Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), this amendment would provide for a one percent cut across the board to the bill's spending levels, exempting certain accounts, like the Capitol Police.

Amendment #39: Sponsored by Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), this amendment would eliminate funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E), as requested in President Trump's budget proposal both this year and last year. As the administration has explained, ARPA-E overlaps with research and development being carried out that should be done by the private sector and is therefore not only unnecessary, but wasteful.

Amendment #40: Sponsored by Reps. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.) and Louie Gohmert (R-Texas), this amendment would use the Holman Rule to reduce the salary of Mark Gabriel, the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration, to \$1. Under Gabriel's watch of the \$1.1 billion government entity, millions of dollars have been spent on fraudulent and improper transactions.

Amendment #79: Sponsored by Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), this amendment would provide for a one percent across the board cut to the discretionary spending levels in Division A of the bill.

FreedomWorks will count the votes for these amendments on our 2018 Congressional Scorecard and reserves the right to score votes for amendments not listed above. The scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Brandon
President, FreedomWorks