



September 18, 2018

Key Vote NO on the CR/Minibus, H.R. 6157

On behalf of our activist community, I urge you to contact your senators and ask them to vote NO on the Defense, Labor, and Health and Human Services (HHS) minibus, H.R. 6157. The bill includes a short-term continuing resolution (CR) for remaining appropriations bills, continuing the excessive spending under the Bipartisan Budget Act, which was passed by Congress in February and spent nearly \$300 billion more than the previously established spending caps.

Through August, Congress ran a budget deficit of \$898 billion. With FY 2018 coming to a close at the end of September, a \$1 trillion deficit is very possible and will become the new normal. Unfortunately, few in Congress are trying to resolve the fiscally unsustainable path our nation is on.

H.R. 6157 is more of the same profligate spending resulting from a broken budget process and members unwilling to stand up for their campaign promises of shrinking government and reducing spending. The bill appropriates \$33 billion more for Defense than the FY 2018 omnibus and \$16 billion more for Labor/HHS. It also includes a CR until December 7, setting up votes on a spending package during the lame-duck session that will almost certainly be packed with last-minute giveaways to special interests.

FreedomWorks will count the vote for H.R. 6157 on our 2018 Congressional Scorecard. 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 "Adam Brandon", written over a white background.

Adam Brandon
President, FreedomWorks