

December 22, 2022

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I am writing to express our support for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (H.R. 2617).

While the omnibus does not include all of the legislative priorities we hoped to see in the final legislative package of the year, it does provide a much needed increase in non-defense discretionary funding and critical investments in Medicaid, education, children's health and worker protection programs.

After nearly 10 years, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) will finally receive a desperately needed boost in funding. The bill also includes increased funding for Registered Apprenticeships, projects authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and funds to implement the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022. It also includes the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and supplementary funding for the 9/11 World Trade Center Health Program.

Once again, we urge you to support H.R. 2617, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, and look forward to President Biden signing it into law before the expiration of the current Continuing Appropriations Act.

Sincerely,

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