

# **Rep. Kevin Hern Amendment to H.R. 5525, Continuing Appropriations & Border Security Enhancement Act**

## **Topline Funding at Pre-COVID Levels**

This amendment would establish a topline of \$1.471 trillion by continuing funding for non-defense discretionary spending the duration of the CR at the subcommittee allocation levels set for by the [House Appropriations Committee's 302\(b\) allocations for FY2024](#).

This provision restores pre-covid spending levels while respecting the allocations approved by the House Appropriations Committee which total \$1.471 trillion, as set forth in Limit, Save, Grow Act.

## **Full Year, Increased Funding for Defense and Veterans**

This amendment would provide full-year appropriations for fiscal year (FY) 2024 for defense and veterans by including the House passed H.R. 4366, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, H.R. 4365, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, and funding for non-DoD security accounts such as Coast Guard and nuclear funding.

This provision would ensure that our servicemen and veterans receive critical funding while rolling back Biden's harmful woke policies that have demoralized our military and left America vulnerable.

## **Border**

This amendment would maintain the critical border provisions already in H. R. 5525, such as language from H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act. These policies will help Congress end Biden's open border crisis and force DHS Secretary Mayorkas to enforce the law and restore operational control.

## **United on Pre-COVID Spending**

- House Republicans [voted](#) in favor of the same exact \$1.471 trillion topline in the *Limit, Save, Grow Act*.
- The House Appropriations Committee has [utilized](#) \$1.471 trillion in determining funding levels for FY24 appropriations subcommittee allocations (302(b)).
- The House Budget Committee is [advancing a budget this week](#) with a \$1.471 topline for FY24.

**Bottomline:** The House Republican position on pre-COVID spending levels has continually united the House Republican Conference. Now is the time for Republicans to return to this consensus, rein in Biden's spending, and secure the border.