



To the millions of Americans who put President Donald Trump back in the White House:

DON'T LET THE SWAMP STEAL CHRISTMAS!

A month remains before Congress goes home for the holidays. The Washington Swamp is looking down the barrel of a Trump White House with a Republican House and Senate next year. It is scared.

Congress may soon deliver a massive Christmas gift to Joe Biden at the expense of the American people in the form of legislation called an *omnibus*. This is their last chance to do favors for K Street lobbyists, give carve-outs to donors and friends, and generally spend your tax dollars like there's no tomorrow.

It will be specifically designed to sabotage Donald Trump before he takes office and prevent him from carrying out the MAGA agenda. It will insulate our government's corrupt spending addiction from reforms by Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy's Department of Government of Efficiency.

I call it a "Swampbus."

In addition to funding the woke governance and weaponized lawfare of the departing Biden-Harris Administration, a Swampbus may contain the following:

- A full-year continuing resolution that would prevent President Trump from cutting the wasteful, abusive, and fraudulent programs of the Biden-Harris administration.
- Additional Ukraine funding and extensions of aid authorities (i.e., raising the presidential drawdown authority cap; funding for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative) that will prolong the killing rather than achieve a peaceful resolution.

- The *Stand with Ukraine Act* (S. 4992), which makes a mockery of U.S. security assistance programs, effectively refashioning all of them to meet the needs of Ukraine in perpetuity and pushing Ukraine to the front of the queue for FMF, FMS, and Excess Defense Articles transfers at the expense of higher priority theaters. It also legitimizes the Biden administration's "as long as it takes" posture and ties the hands of the incoming Trump administration which hopes to peacefully end the dangerous proxy war against Russia.
- A 5-year extension of the Farm bill, which would tie the hands of Donald Trump and RFK Jr., limiting their legislative opportunities to "Make America Healthy Again" by continuing federal subsidization of highly processed and chemical-ridden foods.
- The *Afghan Adjustment Act* (S. 2327), which would enable Afghan nationals who were granted parole without proper vetting to qualify to become legal permanent residents. This is the same categorical parole that allowed alleged terrorist Nasir Ahmed Tawhedi to live in the United States.
- The *SAFER Banking Act* (S.2860), which would allow banks to benefit from the business of state-sanctioned marijuana sales and provide legal protections to banks that provide services to state-sanctioned marijuana businesses, despite marijuana remaining a banned Schedule 1 controlled substance at the federal level. This version of the bill also waters down a provision from the old *SAFE Banking Act* that was designed to prevent another Operation Choke Point, where the federal government pressured banks to close the accounts of law-abiding Americans for political reasons. The new *SAFER Banking Act* guts these protections, enabling political persecution of conservatives.
- New federal standards and burdensome regulations to stifle and distort AI development, including DEI and woke policies like the *CREATE AI Act* (S. 2714). This bill requires the National Science Foundation, which funnels hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to woke programs, to establish the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource (NAIRR). This federal entity would dictate the policies for AI development related to ethics, privacy, civil rights, civil liberties, safety, and security.
- An infusion of \$12 billion dollars above the President's FY25 request for the VA to cover shortfalls created by poor management of the VA budget, lacking any accountability measures for those responsible for creating the shortfall and encouraging more reckless stewardship over the care our veterans deserve.
- Another extension of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) without meaningful reforms that would save American taxpayers billions of dollars.
- Reconstruction assistance for the Francis Scott Key Bridge that fails to consider maximum liability from foreign shipping companies, currently available funding

to the Port of Baltimore for reconstruction, and relief from burdensome regulations that impede Baltimore's quick and efficient recovery.

- Another Statutory PAYGO sequestration extension for the cost of the Biden-Harris ARPA, which triggered a \$2 trillion balance to be included in the PAYGO scorecard and thus a \$2 trillion sequester. This sequester has already been delayed, even though there isn't even \$2 trillion of sequesterable spending available. Currently, a \$190 billion sequester is required to occur in January of 2025, but the Uniparty is likely to bail out Democrat misuse of taxpayer dollars again.
- The debt limit is currently suspended until January 2, 2025. Another suspension would mean that the federal government can continue to accumulate debt with no real limit up until the suspension date.

The American people must demand that their Senators and Representatives DO NOT pass a Swampbus this Christmas. Doing so would fuel inflation, extend funding for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris's radical agenda, and sabotage President Trump before he returns to the Oval Office.

Speaker Johnson [promised](#) the American people that "there won't be a Christmas omnibus" and "we have broken the Christmas omni, and I have no intention of going back to that terrible tradition." As conservatives, we should support him in taking that position and demand that no Swampbus pass this Christmas.

Make no mistake, any omnibus will be designed to thwart the will of American voters and the president they chose. Instead, Congress should pass a SHORT TERM continuing resolution for a few months, so that Donald Trump and the unified Republican Congress—decisively elected by Americans just two weeks ago—can drain the swamp, reform our government, and Make America Great Again.

Say NO to the Swampbus and save Christmas from the Swamp!

Sincerely,

Senator Mike Lee, Utah