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The Honorable Tom Cole
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Dear Chairman Cole:

The Committee on the Judiciary and its Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government continue to conduct vigorous oversight over the Biden Administration in an effort to protect Americans' fundamental freedoms. Last year, the Committee and the Select Subcommittee worked with then-Chairwoman Granger, Subcommittee Chairman Rogers, and the Committee on Appropriations to propose important reforms through the appropriations process.¹ These reforms include proposals to prohibit the funding of politically sensitive investigations, protect whistleblowers against retaliation, prevent taxpayer funds from being used to implement radical regulations, prohibit the funding of disastrous Biden immigration policies, and stop the funding of government censorship—among other proposals—which were included in Subcommittee or Full Committee-passed bills.²

As the Appropriations Committee continues its work for fiscal year 2025, we look forward to building on our work from last year and better utilizing Congress's power of the purse to protect the civil liberties of the American people, promote government accountability, and rein in the Biden Administration's disastrous policies. To that end, we respectfully write again to recommend several reforms and other measures for your consideration, including the following:

- ***Immigration enforcement and border security.*** Under the Biden Administration, at least 6.5 million illegal aliens have been allowed into the country, including more than 4.7 million illegal aliens released by the Biden Administration and 1.8 million

¹ Letter from the Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to the Honorable Kay Granger, Chairwoman, H. Comm. on Approps. (July 11, 2023); Letter from the Honorable Hal Rogers, Chairman, Subcomm. on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, Comm. on Approps., to the Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary (Nov. 2, 2023).

² See generally H.R. 5893, 118th Cong. (2023) (as introduced); H.R. 4367, 118th Cong. (2023) (as passed by the House on Sept. 28, 2023).

known “gotaways.”³ The Biden Administration has systematically dismantled effective border enforcement strategies, causing a surge of encounters at the southwest border, creating vulnerabilities that criminal aliens and gangs exploit to the detriment of Americans across the country. For example, the amount of fentanyl seized at the southwest border continues to increase and break records each year.⁴ In addition, Border Patrol has seen an influx of illegal aliens on the terror watchlist enter the country along the southwest border.⁵ As such, the Committee recommends that the Appropriations Committee prohibit the use of taxpayer dollars from funding the Biden Administration’s open-border immigration policies.

- ***Reining in abusive federal law enforcement agencies.*** The Committee and Select Subcommittee have received testimony about egregious abuses, misallocation of federal law-enforcement resources, and misconduct within the leadership ranks of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). We recommend that the Appropriations Committee include language to eliminate any funding for the FBI that is not essential for the agency to execute its mission, including rescinding prior appropriations and prohibiting new taxpayer funding for any new FBI headquarters facility. We also recommend tying funding for the FBI to specific policy changes—such as requiring the FBI to record interviews—that will promote accountability and transparency at the FBI.
- ***Stopping politicized prosecutions.*** We have conducted oversight of the troubling rise in politicized prosecutions and the use of abusive “lawfare” tactics to target political opponents. We have seen rogue prosecutors abuse the rules of professional conduct and their duty to do justice in service of politicized ends. We recommend that the Appropriations Committee, with appropriate consultation from leadership, include language to eliminate federal funding for state prosecutors or state attorneys general involved in lawfare and to zero out federal funding for federal prosecutors engaged in such abuse. In addition, the Judiciary Committee has passed specific bills that would help to address politicized prosecutions and we encourage the Appropriations

³ U.S. Customs and Border Prot., *Sw. Land Border Encounters*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (last accessed Apr. 12, 2024) [hereinafter CBP Sw. Land Border Encounters]; See H. Comm. on the Judiciary, Rep. on The Biden Border Crisis: How the Biden Admin. Opened the Sw. Border and Abandoned Interior Immigr. Enf’t at App’x 1 (Oct. 9, 2023); U.S. Customs and Border Prot., *Custody and Transfer Statistics FY 2023*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (last accessed Mar. 22, 2024); U.S. Customs and Border Prot., *Custody and Transfer Statistics FY 2024*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (last accessed Apr. 12, 2024); Camilo Montoya-Galvez, *Biden administration has admitted more than 1 million migrants into U.S. under parole policy Congress is considering restricting*, CBS NEWS (Jan. 22, 2024); *Latest UC Data, Total Monthly Discharges to Individual Sponsors Only*, U.S. DEP’T OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVS. (last accessed Mar. 22, 2024); Off. of Refugee Resettlement, *Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors by State*, U.S. DEP’T OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVS. (last accessed Apr. 2, 2024); U.S. Customs and Border Prot., *CBP Releases March 2024 Monthly Update*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (Apr. 12, 2024).

⁴ U.S. Customs and Border Prot., *Drug Seizure Statistics*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (last accessed Apr. 30, 2024), <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/drug-seizure-statistics>. U.S. Customs and Border Prot., *CBP Enf’t Statistics, Terrorist Screening Data Set Encounters*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (last accessed Apr. 12, 2024).

⁵ U.S. Customs and Border Prot., *Drug Seizure Statistics*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (last accessed Apr. 30, 2024), <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/drug-seizure-statistics>. U.S. Customs and Border Prot., *CBP Enf’t Statistics, Terrorist Screening Data Set Encounters*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (last accessed Apr. 12, 2024).

Committee to consider including the policies contained in each: H.R. 2553, the No More Political Prosecutions Act, and H.R. 2595, the Forfeiture Funds Expenditure Transparency Act.

- ***Protecting FBI whistleblowers.*** The Committee and Select Subcommittee have received whistleblower testimony from several current and former FBI employees who chose to risk their careers to expose abuses and misconduct in the FBI. We ask that the Appropriations Committee include language that prohibits retaliation against FBI whistleblowers, including by prohibiting taxpayer dollars from being used to pay the salary of any Justice Department or FBI employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower. Additionally, we recommend language prohibiting the FBI from using the security clearance adjudication process in a retaliatory fashion against whistleblowers.
- ***Protecting Freedom of Speech online.*** The Committee and the Select Subcommittee have been conducting robust oversight of how federal agencies coerce and collude with companies and other intermediaries to censor Americans' constitutionally protected speech. Information obtained throughout the course of our investigation reveals the extent to which the Executive Branch, most notably the Biden White House, has pressured social media companies to censor, manipulate, or chill online public discourse. The Committee and the Select Subcommittee's investigation has also uncovered documents showing how third-party entities, such as universities and non-profits, partnered with executive branch agencies—like the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Global Engagement Center—to secretly but thoroughly monitor and censor Americans' speech online. We respectfully request language in fiscal year 2025 appropriations bills to prohibit taxpayer funds from being used to censor Americans online or to classify speech as so-called “mis-, dis-, or mal-information.” We also ask that the Appropriations Committee eliminate taxpayer dollars going to DHS's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Foreign Influence Operations and Disinformation office, the Global Engagement Center, and other governmental and non-governmental entities that are engaged in speech suppression. Finally, the Committee has advanced H.R. 4848, the Censorship Accountability Act, which would provide Americans with recourse against federal officials when their First Amendment rights are violated, and we encourage the Appropriations Committee to consider including the policies contained in that bill.
- ***Addressing Rising Crime in Urban American Cities.*** Since President Biden took office, violent crime has hit historic highs in Democrat-run cities due to the significant defunding of police budgets and the catastrophic policies of rogue prosecutors. Over the past four years, over 20 cities have defunded or considered

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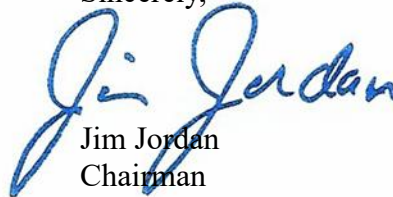
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defunding their police departments.⁶ Approximately \$870 million has been cut from police department budgets nationwide since June 2020.⁷ As such, we recommend language that would ensure federal grant dollars are not being awarded to jurisdictions that choose to defund their police.

On behalf of the Committee and the Select Subcommittee, enclosed please find an initial list of suggested priorities to be included in the fiscal year 2025 appropriations bills. Like last year, these proposals stem from our robust oversight and legislative efforts, which will continue throughout the remainder of the 118th Congress. By working together, we can ensure that the appropriations process will continue to be a powerful check against the weaponization of the federal government.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you on these important issues on behalf of the American people.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member

Enclosure

⁶ Sam Levin, *These US cities defunded police: 'We're transferring money to the community,'* THE GUARDIAN, (Mar. 11, 2021, available at <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/mar/07/us-cities-defund-police-transferring-money-community> (last visited May 28, 2024).

⁷ *Id.*

Homeland Security Appropriations Riders

1. Immigration Provisions

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to fund the salary of Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security until the Department provides to the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary documents sufficient to show, from October 7, 2023, to the present, the number of aliens, including those on student visas, who have endorsed or espoused terrorist activity or have persuaded others to endorse or espouse terrorist activity or support a terrorist organization during anti-Israel protests, disaggregated by visa category, if applicable, and country of nationality, including (1) the number of such aliens for whom the Department has requested the State Department revoke their visas based on their actions related to anti-Israel protests, disaggregated by visa category, the country of nationality, and the specific action that precipitated the revocation request; and (2) the number of such aliens who have been placed in removal proceedings, including the number removed from the United States, disaggregated by visa category and the country of nationality.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to parole into Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, under the discretionary parole policy to travel to Guam and/or the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, for the purpose of temporary visit for business or pleasure without a visa, an alien who is a national of the People’s Republic of China.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to implement the regulation entitled “Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Visa Waiver Program Automation and Electronic Travel Authorization; Creation of CNMI Economic Vitality & Security Travel Authorization Program (EVS-TAP)” published on January 18, 2024.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to implement the Young Adult Case Management Program or its successor program.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to implement the Case Management Pilot Program or its successor program.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to admit an alien, who is a national of the Republic of Chile, under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187), until the Secretary of Homeland Security verifies that the Republic of Chile provides access to appropriate criminal databases and the Department of Homeland Security begins to screen Chilean nationals against such criminal databases.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to implement the parole Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans (commonly known as CHNV) or any successor processes.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Shelter and Services Program, or any successor program.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to transfer an unaccompanied alien child from the Department of Homeland Security to the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services if such unaccompanied alien child has not been screened for criminal and gang history that occurred in such unaccompanied alien child’s country of origin or country of last habitual residence.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to admit an alien based on a Form I-20 issued by a college, university, or other academic institution that is not accredited.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to process an application for the Central American Minors Program or any successor program.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to fund Alternatives to Detention (ATD) unless each ATD contractor provides to the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary at least on a weekly basis the number of aliens unenrolled from ATD because the alien absconded from the relevant ATD program.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to fund the salary of Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security until the Department provides to the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary documents to sufficient to show a numerical breakdown of all illegal alien releases at the southwest border by release category from January 20, 2021, to the date of enactment of this Act.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to fund the salary of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security until the Department provides to the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary documents sufficient to show, from January 20, 2021, to the date of enactment of this Act, the number of cases the Executive Office for Immigration Review dismissed for the Department’s failure to prosecute, the number of such cases for which the Department eventually filed a Notice to Appear, and all Department reports on cases dismissed for the Department’s failure to prosecute.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to fund or implement Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Secure Docket Card Program, or any successor program.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to fund, implement, or provide Wraparound Stabilization Services.

2. Prohibition on Funds related to Misinformation

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to: (a) classify or facilitate the classification of any communications by a United States person as mis-, dis-, or mal-information; or (b) partner with or fund nonprofit or other organizations that pressure or recommend private companies to censor lawful and constitutionally protected speech of United States persons, including recommending the censoring or removal of content on social media platforms.

3. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.— None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to staff or operate the Foreign Influence Operations and Disinformation office (formerly the Mis-, Dis-, and Malinformation office) of the Election Security section of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Riders

1. Whistleblower Retaliation

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to pay the salary of a Department of Justice or Federal Bureau of Investigation employee who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower or suppressed a Department of Justice or Federal Bureau of Investigation employee’s constitutional rights under the First Amendment.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used for agencies, boards, or commissions that do not follow the proper security clearance suspension and adjudication processes.¹

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be withheld from any employee who has had their security clearance suspended pending agency adjudication until the adjudication process has been completed.

2. 302 FBI Interview Recording

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to conduct an interview in connection with an investigation of a Federal offense or

¹ 50 U.S.C. § 3341 (Prohibits agencies from taking or threatening to take “any action with respect to any employee's security clearance” in retaliation for protected whistleblowing activity); *see also* Security Executive Agent Direction 9 (2022) (Requires agencies to have an appeal process for employees alleging reprisal due to a suspension, revocation, or denial of their security clearance and that the “appeal process must provide for...the [Inspector General] of the employing agency to conduct fact-finding”).

an investigation in which the agency is assisting a State, local or tribal law enforcement agency unless that interview is recorded using electronic audio recording equipment. The requirement applies with respect to custodial and noncustodial interviews, but does not apply with respect to communications with confidential informants. The requirement does not apply to interviews of non-United States persons conducted outside the United States. Recordings of these interviews shall be retained for 10 years.

3. United States Marshal Service Protecting Justices

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to implement a policy that discourages United States Marshals Service employees or personnel from fully enforcing 18 U.S.C. § 1507.

4. Countering Lawfare

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to consult, advise, or direct state prosecutors and state attorneys general in the civil action or criminal prosecution of a former or current President or Vice President brought against them in state court.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to appoint or fund the office of a Special Counsel, who has not been confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as a U.S. Attorney, to bring a criminal prosecution of a former or current President or Vice President.

5. Withholding or Limiting the Use of Grant Funds

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to fund awarded grants to a grant organization that is under investigation for any misuse of federal funds.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act for any grant program carried out by the Department of Justice may be used to fund a criminal prosecution against a former or current President or Vice President. This prohibition on the use of funds shall also apply to the use of funds to consult, advise, or direct state prosecutors and state attorneys general engaged in a civil action or a criminal prosecution of a former or current President or Vice President. This prohibition on the use of funds shall also apply to funds received and reallocated by any state or local jurisdiction.

Sec. ____ REQUIREMENT FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.—The Attorney General shall not award a competitive grant or contract to a unit of local government, State, or Indian Tribe under this Act if the unit of local government, State, or Indian Tribe decreases the budget for their law enforcement agency unless there is a reduction in revenue for the unit of local government, State,

or Indian Tribe, such unit of local government, State, or Indian Tribe decreases their budget across all Government functions, or there is a compelling economic reason for such decrease in the budget of the law enforcement agency.

6. Foreign Influence Task Force – FBI

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to Staff or operate the Foreign Influence Task Force of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of monitoring or labeling constitutionally protected speech by Americans as misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation.

7. Immigration Provisions

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used by the Executive Office for Immigration Review to make grants or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements to provide legal representation of aliens in removal proceedings.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used by the Executive Office for Immigration Review to conduct diversity, equity, and inclusion trainings.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used for the Executive Office for Immigration Review until the Office provides to the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary an explanation as to why it no longer posts publicly its immigration judge hiring procedures and until such procedures are posted publicly.

Please insert the following as Report language:

Terminated immigration judges.—The Committee directs EOIR to provide the Committees on Appropriations and the Judiciary with a report, no later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, including all documents and communications referring or relating to the hiring and termination procedures for immigration judges for the period of January 20, 2021, to the date of the enactment of their Act. The report should also include all documents and communications referring or relating to the decisions to terminate the employment of each immigration judge whose employment was terminated during or at the end of their probationary period, or whose position was not converted to a permanent position, between January 20, 2021, and the date of the enactment of this Act, sent or received by any of the following individuals: a. Attorney General Merrick Garland b. Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco c. Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brian Boynton d. Former Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review David Neal e. Former Deputy Director and Current Acting Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review Mary Cheng f. Former Chief Immigration Judge Tracy Short g. Regional Deputy Chief Immigration Judge Daniel Weiss h. Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General Margy O’Herron i. Assistant Chief Immigration Judge Rebecca Walters j. Assistant Chief Immigration Judge David Cheng k. Former Acting Deputy Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review Charles Adkins-Blanch l. Chief Immigration Judge Sheila McNulty.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to EOIR until EOIR provides all documents and communications referring or relating to the decision(s) to provide social services to illegal aliens and limit prosecution of certain illegal aliens between or among employees of the Department as part of the settlement agreement filed on October 16, 2023, in the case of Ms. L., et al. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, et al., Case No. 18-cv-00428 (S.D. Cal.).

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to fund or implement the settlement agreement filed on October 16, 2023, in the case of Ms. L., et al. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, et al., Case No. 18-cv-00428 (S.D. Cal.), or any successor agreement.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to fund or implement a compromise settlement, including the provision of social services, legal services, financial support, or any other benefit or service, in relation to a civil action brought by an alien who is inadmissible under section 212(a)(6)(A) or (7)(A)(i)(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(A) or (7)(A)(i)(I)) or who entered the United States in violation of section 275(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1325(a)), in connection with conduct described in any such section.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to pay the costs and fees associated with a civil action involving an alien who entered the United States in violation of section 275(a) or section 276(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1325(a), 1326(a)), in connection with any proceeding or adjudication initiated under such Act.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to the Department to pay the costs and fees associated with an agency adjudication involving an alien who entered the United States in violation of section 275(a) or section 276(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1325(a), 1326(a)), in connection with any proceeding or adjudication initiated under such Act.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to EOIR unless the EOIR Director, Deputy Director, Chief Immigration Judge, and any officials acting in such roles spend 95 percent of their working hours working from the physical headquarters of either EOIR or the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to promulgate, develop, or implement a regulation, policy, or practice regarding categorical administrative closure, dismissal, and termination of cases in immigration court.

Sec. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to EOIR until EOIR provides to the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary all data from the immigration judge performance dashboard no later than 90 days after the implementation of this Act.

8. Weaponization of the ATF and Abuse of Rulemaking Authority

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to enforce or litigate in defense any part of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives final rule entitled “Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached “Stabilizing Braces”” (88 Fed. Reg. 6478) (Jan. 31, 2023).

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to enforce or litigate in defense of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives final rule entitled “Definition of “Engaged in the Business” as a Dealer in Firearms” (89. Fed. Reg. 28968) (May 20, 2024).

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to enforce or litigate in defense of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives final rule entitled “Definition of “Frame or Receiver” and Identification of Firearms” (87. Fed. Reg. 24652) (Aug. 24, 2022).

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used to pay the salary of the ATF Director until the operations plan related to the execution of the search warrant on Bryan Malinowski’s home and vehicle is provided to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

9. Department of Justice – Third Party Settlement Funding

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to facilitate or enter into any agreement on behalf of the United States in settlement of Federal claims or charges, including agreements settling civil litigation, accepting plea agreements, or deferring or declining prosecution in a criminal matter, that directs or provides for a payment, loan, or other good or service of value to any nongovernmental person or entity that is not a party to the dispute or a victim of the conduct subject to the claims or charges.

10. Department of Justice Antitrust Division – Fee Based Funding Above Appropriated Amount

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act can be used if collected from fees for premerger notification filings under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. 18a) if using those fees would result in the Antitrust Division expending an amount greater than the sum herein appropriated.

11. Federal Trade Commission – Foreign Collusion to Harm American Companies

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by employees of the Federal Trade Commission to conduct any activity with the European Union’s European Commission, the United Kingdom’s Competition and Markets Authority, or the Peoples’ Republic of China’s State Administration for Market Regulation for any merger review, competition investigation, or competition enforcement action.

12. Prohibits Funds for Implementation of the Bayh-Dole March-In Rights Framework

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to implement, administer, or enforce any rule, guidance, or policy that implements the guidance document “Draft Interagency Guidance Framework for Considering the Exercise of March-In Rights” (88 Fed. Reg. 85593).

Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriation Riders

1. Global Engagement Center

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to staff or operate the Global Engagement Center.

2. Mis/Dis/Mal-Information

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.— None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to create, develop, join, or otherwise consider or work on any bilateral or multilateral agreement referring or relating to the labeling of communications by United States persons as misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation.

3. Immigration Provisions

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for the Safe Mobility Initiative or its successor program.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for the Welcome Corps or its successor program.

SEC. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to fund the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program to resettle more than 15,000 refugees in the United States.

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Riders

1. Mis/Dis/Mal - Information

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to label, restrict, demote, or remove speech or communications, or influence, through pressure, coercion, collusion, joint participation, or deception, or in any other way, social media and technology companies' labeling, restriction, demotion, or removal of speech or communications by United States persons as misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation, whether such labeling is done only by Federal personnel or in conjunction with private entities or individuals.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to review, process, or approve any application for a Federal grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other agreement by any individual or organization that labels or relies on the labeling of communications by United States persons as misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation.

2. Funding for FBI Headquarters

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to build the new FBI headquarters in Greenbelt, MD.

Sec. ____ RECISSION ON USE OF FUNDS.—The \$200,000,000 made available to the General Services Administration for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Consolidation pursuant to H.R. 2882 (118th Cong.) is hereby rescinded.

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriation Riders

1. Unaccompanied Alien Children

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to place an unaccompanied alien child with a sponsor where, if when HHS contacts the consulate or embassy of such unaccompanied alien child's country of origin or last habitual residence to verify documents or familial relationships, HHS does not also request such unaccompanied alien child's criminal record.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to place an unaccompanied alien child, with a sponsor in any case where such unaccompanied alien child has been convicted of a crime or has a pending criminal charge relating to gang affiliation or activity, in the United States or in such unaccompanied alien child's country of origin or country of last habitual residence.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, apply, enforce, carry out, or defend the Department of

Health and Human Services final rule entitled, “Unaccompanied Children Program Foundational Rule” (89 Fed. Reg. 34384; published April 30, 2024).

The Department of Health and Human Services shall fund a secure facility for the placement of an unaccompanied alien child for whom a determination has been made pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1232(c)(2) that such unaccompanied alien child poses a danger to self or others or has been charged with having committed a criminal offense.

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used by the Department of Health and Human Services until HHS provides the Committee on the Judiciary with the total number of unaccompanied alien children with whom HHS has lost contact due to not being able to reach such unaccompanied alien children through a Safety and Well-being call.

Sec. ____ LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Of the funds appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Office of Refugee Resettlement not more than 80 percent may be obligated or expended until the date on which the Secretary submits to the appropriate congressional committees the Estimate of Detention Space Report required by 8 USC 1232 (a)(5)(C).

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to place an unaccompanied alien child with a sponsor who has not been admitted as defined in paragraph (13) of section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a) or who is deportable under section 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Other Matters

1. Intelligence Contractors and Federal Elections

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to compensate intelligence community contractors or consultants who use their former intelligence title when engaged in partisan political activity or partisan political campaigns within 60 days before a federal election.

2. National Science Foundation

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to fund any entity, research, or creation development or implementation of any project that labels constitutionally protected speech by United States persons as misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation and/or recommends that constitutionally protected speech by United States persons be removed or demoted on social media platforms.

3. Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to staff or operate the Foreign Malign Influence Center for the purpose of monitoring or

labeling constitutionally protected speech by Americans as misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation.

4. Third Party Funding

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.— None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to provide funding to the Stanford Internet Observatory, including the Election Integrity Partnership and/or the Virality Project; the University of Washington’s Center for an Informed Public; the Atlantic Council; Graphika; NewsGuard; Global Disinformation Index; Center for Countering Digital Hate; or any entity that labels constitutionally protected speech by United States persons as misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation and/or recommends that constitutionally protected speech by United States persons be removed or demoted on social media platforms.

5. Executive Office of the President

Sec. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.— None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used, or transferred to another Federal agency, board, or commission to be used, to staff or operate the Executive Office of the President for the purpose of monitoring or labeling constitutionally protected speech by Americans.