

Investing in Our Troops and Defending American Values

The Defense Appropriations Act passed the House of Representatives this week as part of our broader effort to shape a more effective and accountable Department of Defense. House Republicans continue to confront growing threats at our borders and abroad, and stand behind the brave men and women who wear our nation's uniform.

Here's what the bill does:

- **Raises basic pay for all military personnel by 3.8%, effective January 1, 2026.** This historic pay increase is about more than dollars, it's about dignity. It strengthens military readiness, supports stability for families, and reduces the burden of constant relocations.
- **Delivers \$1.5 billion to fight drug trafficking and manufacturing,** including critical increases for the National Guard Counterdrug Program. These resources will help combat international actors who fuel violence, addiction, and the flow of deadly fentanyl across our communities.
- **Restores the rule of law by repealing the Biden Administration's unlawful memorandum that funded abortion travel for servicemembers and their dependents.** For over four decades, federal law has rightly prohibited Department of Defense funds from being used for elective abortions. This commonsense protection had broad bipartisan support, until President Biden chose to ignore it. This bill restores that legal and moral clarity.

The Defense Appropriations Act also codifies key executive orders from President Trump, ensuring the military stays focused on its core mission—not political agendas—and continues to advance the America First vision of strength, sovereignty, and service.