



# CHAIRMAN HAL ROGERS

*House Committee on Appropriations*



## RETURNING TO REGULAR ORDER

Under Chairman Hal Rogers, the Appropriations Committee has **reinvigorated regular order** within the Appropriations process. From FY 2011 to FY 2016, 2122 amendments have been considered to appropriations bills on the House floor—allowing all Members to have their voices heard.

**138** Appropriations bills on the House floor

**69** Appropriations bills enacted into law

**2122** Amendments to bills considered on the floor

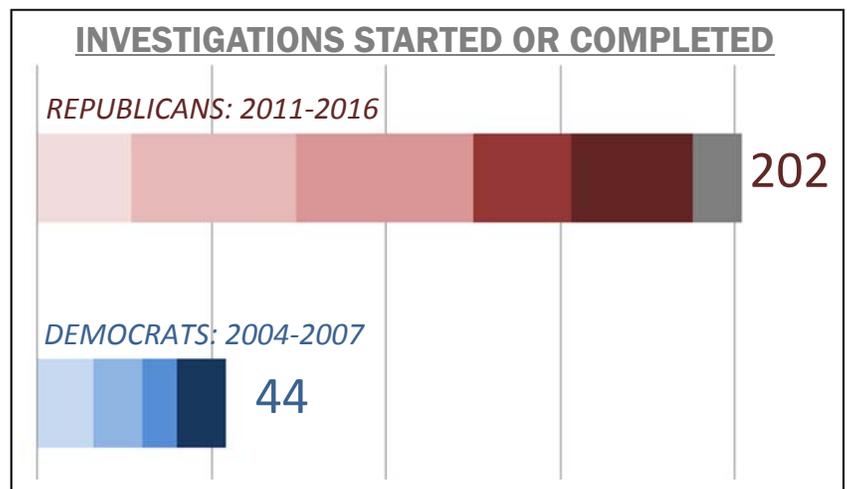
**555+** Hours spent on the floor on Appropriations bills

## CONDUCTING TOUGH OVERSIGHT

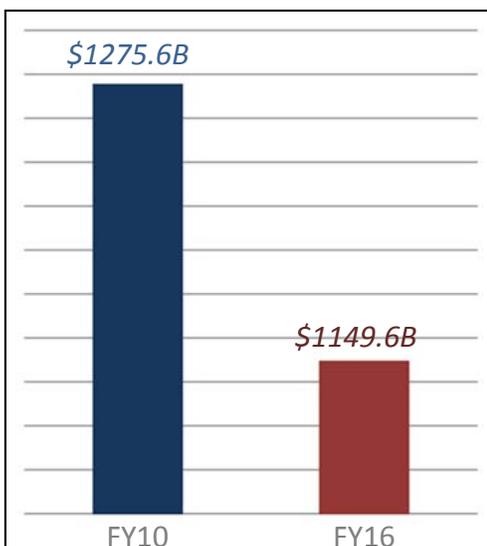
Chairman Rogers has made **stringent oversight over federal spending a top priority**. The Appropriations Committee has:

- Held 650 hearings to **ensure that federal tax dollars are being spent responsibly**
- Undertaken work on 202 surveys and investigations to **help root out waste and fraud across the federal government**
- **Demanded accountability** from federal agencies by requiring conditions on spending, such as spend plans, withholding funds, and reporting requirements

**650** Number of budget and oversight hearings held by the House Committee on Appropriations under Chairman Rogers



## CUTTING FEDERAL SPENDING



Chairman Rogers and House Republicans have been **committed to restoring fiscal discipline**—stopping wasteful spending, cutting lower-priority or duplicative programs, and saving the nation billions of dollars.

**\$768B** Total discretionary budget authority cuts compared to FY 2010 baseline

**\$126B** Discretionary budget authority cuts by House Republicans since FY 2010

**\$2T** Discretionary outlay savings through FY 2026 as a result of Appropriations action

# AGRICULTURE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## INVESTING IN RURAL AMERICA

- Increased funding for critical rural infrastructure by over **\$500M** since FY 2012
  - ◊ Invested in programs to help low-income rural families *obtain home financing or rental assistance*; to improve *rural electric and telecommunications*; and to assist with *water and waste disposal* in rural communities
- Boosted funding for innovative agricultural research by **\$400M** since FY 2012 to address critical issues facing American agriculture and the global food supply, including invasive species, pests and animal diseases, drought resilience, and antibiotic resistant bacteria

## INCREASING OVERSIGHT OF NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- Strengthened oversight and monitoring of WIC, SNAP, and child nutrition programs, including more efforts to weed out fraud and waste, and address high error rates and improper payments
  - ◊ Included necessary funding for states to transition to an electronic system for WIC—a more efficient system that can help better identify fraud and abuse
- Required USAID to improve efficiency in international food aid programs—the first update to the program in 23 years

## PREVENTING OVERREGULATION

- Kept the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in check by **limiting funding below the President's request every single year**
  - ◊ Protected farmers, ranchers, and job creators from *Dodd-Frank regulatory burdens*
  - ◊ Directed the CFTC to provide end-user relief by **revising regulations for the Swap Dealer DeMinimis exemption**
- Repealed costly and burdensome country-of-origin labeling (COOL) requirements for beef and pork products and avoided violations of international standards and trade retaliation
- Restricted USDA from implementing harmful regulations in private livestock and poultry markets, which would have cost the industry and consumers billions, in FY 2012-2015 bills
- Peeled back the Administration's restrictive school lunch regulations by providing schools with flexibility from whole grain standards and ensuring sodium standards will not take effect until supported by science
- Provided grocery stores and food retailers with regulatory relief by implementing a one-year delay or more in complying with ObamaCare's menu-labeling regulations
- Amended FDA policy relating to the regulatory treatment of partially hydrogenated oils
- Included a ban on FDA approval for **genetically modifying human embryos**

## REDUCING THE COST OF GOVERNMENT

- Terminated nine outdated programs, returning funds to the Treasury Department
- Provided funding levels that accurately reflected nutrition program participation rates, *rather than the inflated estimates in the Obama Administration budget requests*
- Cut mandatory programs by hundreds of millions of dollars every year

# COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## KEEPING OUR NATION SAFE

- Increased funding for the FBI by **\$800M** since FY 2011
  - ◇ Prioritized counter-terrorism and cybersecurity
- Prohibited funds from being used to transfer detainees from Guantanamo Bay to the U.S., or to construct or acquire any facility in the U.S. to house detainees

## FIGHTING AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

- Boosted funding for the Drug Enforcement Administration by **\$146M** since FY 2011
  - ◇ Dedicated funding to combat prescription drug abuse
  - ◇ Targeted funding to meth lab clean-up

## PROTECTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT

- Made into permanent law three provisions that **protect the right to keep and bear arms** by prohibiting the Department of Justice from:
  - ◇ Consolidating firearms sales records
  - ◇ Electronically retrieving the records of former firearms dealers
  - ◇ Maintaining information on persons who have passed firearms background checks
- Prohibited implementation of the **UN Arms Trade Treaty**
- Prohibited funding to require a license to export to Canada certain gun parts valued at less than \$500
- Prohibited the Department of Justice from denying a permit to import “curios or relics” related to firearms, parts, or ammunition of U.S. origin
- Prohibited funding for federal law enforcement to transfer firearms to drug cartels without continuous monitoring and control of the firearm

## PRESERVING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

- Maintained **pro-life provisions** including prohibiting the provision of abortion services to federal prisoners and barring the Legal Services Corporation from participating in abortion-related litigation

## PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Invested funding in programs that **bolster U.S. economic competitiveness and innovation** at the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the Department of Commerce, including *manufacturing and emerging technologies, cyberinfrastructure, and cybersecurity*



# DEFENSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## STRENGTHENING NATIONAL SECURITY

- **Prioritized funding for essential readiness programs** to ensure our nation is prepared for any threats
  - ◇ Provided for a robust, effective military force and denied the President's proposed reductions to end-strength in FY 2017
- **Invested in the equipment and upgrades our military needs to succeed**
- **Ensured our military has the resources needed to fight and win the battle against ISIL and U.S. enemies** around the globe by funding the *Global War on Terrorism and Overseas Contingency Operations*
- **Prohibited funding for transfers of Guantanamo detainees to the U.S. or its territories**, prohibited funding to modify any facility in the U.S. to house detainees, and placed conditions on the release of detainees to other countries

## SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

- **Fully funded pay raises for our troops** every year
- **Addressed the cost-of-living allowance shortfall** for military retirees in FY 2015
- Devoted funding each year to the Defense Health Program each year to **provide effective, continuous care for our troops, military families, and retirees**
  - ◇ Targeted investments toward important health research on *traumatic brain injuries, prosthetic devices, cancer, and more*
  - ◇ Prioritized funding for *psychological health and suicide prevention outreach*

## PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS

- **Restricted funds for Pakistan** until stringent requirements and certifications are met
- **Restricted funds for Rosoboronexport**, the Russian supplier of arms, in response to Russia's support of the Syrian regime
- **Restricted the sharing of classified information** related to U.S. Missile Defense Systems with Russia
- **Found savings wherever possible** without risking the success of our missions or the safety of our troops, including rescinding unused funds



**“Rogers opposed October’s government shutdown and has long argued winning conservative policy goals in a divided government is better achieved through negotiation rather than threats. With the omnibus, he has proof.”**

- *The Hill*, 1/17/14

# ENERGY AND WATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ALIGNING FUNDING TOWARD NATIONAL SECURITY

- Increased funding for nuclear weapons programs to maintain the safety, security, and readiness of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile
  - ◇ Provided full or increased funding for warhead nuclear weapon updates and upkeep, including:
    - ⇒ The life extension of the *B61 bomb*, the Navy's *W76 and W88 warheads*, and the *Long-Range Standoff cruise missile*
    - ⇒ Aging nuclear weapons facilities, including additional funds above the President's request to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance
    - ⇒ The U.S. Navy's *Ohio-replacement ballistic missile submarine*

## INVESTING IN ECONOMY-GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Funded the Army Corps of Engineers above the request to **advance public safety, boost our economic competitiveness, and create jobs**
  - ◇ Ensured full use of estimated annual *Inland Waterways Trust Fund* revenues
  - ◇ Increased annual use of *Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund* revenues by more than **\$450M** (55%)
  - ◇ *Provided robust funding for flood and storm damage reduction projects*, including the most critical dam safety improvements
- **Encouraged an all-of-the-above energy solution and kept energy prices down** by investing in a range of resources—including American energy like coal and natural gas
- **Strengthened innovation** by investing in energy research
  - ◇ Restored funding for *fusion energy programs* to help lay the groundwork for more efficient and practical domestic energy solutions
  - ◇ Enhanced the nation's leadership in innovation by *supporting the world's fastest computing systems and funding basic science research*
- **Hardened the nation's electric grid** against cyber attacks and extreme weather events

## PROTECTING AGAINST ADMINISTRATION OVERREACH

- Prohibited funds for the Army Corps of Engineers to **change the definition of "fill material,"** which would harm many U.S. industries
- Prohibited the Department of Energy from implementing its onerous light bulb standards



**Under Chairman Rogers in 2015 and 2016, the Appropriations process got off to the earliest starts since 1974.**

# FINANCIAL SERVICES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ROOTING OUT WASTE AND ABUSE AT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Kept funding for the Internal Revenue Service to **\$1B** below FY 2010 levels
  - ⇒ Froze or cut the IRS's budget to streamline the agency's operations, encourage the agency to do more with less, and protect taxpayers from wasteful or inappropriate behavior
  - ◇ Except targeted increases to improve customer service measurably, including *faster response time, better fraud detection, and stronger cybersecurity*
  - ◇ Implemented stringent funding prohibitions to protect taxpayers from wasteful or inappropriate behavior, including:
    - Prohibiting funds to *target groups for scrutiny based on their ideological beliefs*
    - Prohibiting funds to *target citizens for exercising their First Amendment rights*
    - Prohibiting funds for the IRS to *suppress the civic participation of 501(c)(4) organizations*
    - Prohibiting funds for the White House to *order the IRS to determine the tax-exempt status of an organization*
    - Prohibiting funds to *improperly disclose confidential taxpayer information*
    - Prohibiting funds for *inappropriate videos and conferences*
    - *Prohibiting funds for bonuses and rehiring former employees unless employee conduct and federal tax compliance is given consideration*
  - ◇ Included no new or requested IRS funding for ObamaCare

## LOCKING IN CONSERVATIVE PRIORITIES

- Preserved the sanctity of life by:
  - ◇ *Prohibiting D.C. from using federal or local funds to provide abortions*
  - ◇ Prohibiting federal funds for abortions within the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program
- Blocked both federal and local funds to further legalize recreational marijuana in D.C.
- Took steps to amend or peel back the flawed Dodd-Frank law, including:
  - ◇ *Amending Dodd-Frank swaps pushout requirements to protect farmers and other commodity producers from having to put down excessive collateral to get a loan and expand their businesses*
  - ◇ *Blocking the SEC from requiring companies to disclose political contributions in their SEC filings, blocking proposed increases for the SEC, and rescinding funds from an SEC "slush fund"*
  - ◇ *Increasing transparency by requiring the Office of Management and Budget to disclose the costs of Dodd-Frank regulations*
  - ◇ Requiring federal banking agencies to reexamine the appropriate capital requirements for mortgage servicing assets

**"Rogers could be the most successful budget slicer in two generations – and possibly ever."** - *National Journal*, 3/12/11



# FINANCIAL SERVICES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## IMPLEMENTING GOOD-GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS

- Prohibited the government from requiring business to disclose political contributions when bidding for federal contracts
- Blocked a pay raise for the Vice President and senior political appointees since FY 2012
- Implemented a government-wide prohibition on funds to *paint portraits of government employees*
- Prohibited all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Financial Services Subcommittee, including the IRS, from using funding for activities in contravention of the Federal Records Act, such as *inappropriately destroying documents or emails*
- Required a cost estimate to accompany all Executive Orders (in FY 2015) and certain Presidential Memorandums (in FY 2016)
- Required all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Financial Services Subcommittee, including the SEC, FTC, and IRS, to *comply with the Fourth Amendment when conducting email searches*
- Exempted until 2025 broadcast companies from *FCC TV ownership rules forcing them to undo joint sales agreements*
- Prohibited funding to implement an Executive Order on flood management with certain exceptions
- Extended the *Internet Tax Freedom Act*

## PRIORITIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Provided funds to maintain a timely and operational judicial system
- Increased funding each year for terrorism and financial intelligence activities to counteract national security threats and enforce sanctions against terrorists
- Increased funding for *High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas and Drug-Free Communities*
- Increased GSA funding for the construction of new courthouses to **increase capacity and improve security**

## INVESTING IN AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESSES

- Supported the drivers of the American economy—small businesses—by providing funding for the *Small Business Administration*
  - ◇ Fully funded business and disaster loan programs to help grow small businesses and get them back on their feet quickly and efficiently after disaster strikes
  - ◇ Increased funding for *Small Business Development Centers, microloans, SCORE business mentor program, State Trade and Export promotion (STEP), veterans outreach programs, and Women's Business Centers*

**“It’s been a long time, but the Appropriations Committee has finally got its mojo back. And Hal Rogers... is the chief reason why.”**

*- The Hill 12/16/11*



# HOMELAND SECURITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## SECURING OUR BORDERS AND ENFORCING OUR LAWS

- **Provided the highest level of funding ever for Customs and Border Protection in FY 2016**
  - ⇒ *Allowed for the highest CBP operational force level in history—21,370 Border Patrol agents and 23,871 CBP officers*
  - ⇒ *Increased coverage of fencing or barriers along the border to 653 miles and funded critical surveillance assets along the southern border*
- **Prioritized funding for detention and removal programs**
  - ⇒ *Supported 34,040 detention beds—the highest capacity in history*
  - ⇒ *Funded the 287(g) and Priority Enforcement programs*
  - ⇒ *Funded ICE operations that resulted in the removal of over 1.1M criminal aliens from the U.S. from FY 2011-2016*
- **Fully funded E-Verify so employers can check whether their employees may legally work in the U.S.**

## KEEPING OUR NATION SAFE

- **Increased funding for ICE domestic and international investigations to combat human trafficking and cybercrime, and to expand visa vetting capabilities**
- **Supported the defense of our homeland and our coasts by providing funding for the Coast Guard**
  - ⇒ *Prevented the President's proposed cuts to vital Coast Guard operations*
  - ⇒ *Prioritized modernization of Coast Guard fleet, adding three new classes of ships*
- **Directed Transportation Security Administration funding to critical aviation and surface transportation security activities, increasing the number of canine teams and privatized screening operations**
  - ⇒ *Pressed for enhancements in passenger security screening processes, while driving TSA to execute their mission more efficiently*
- **Funded crucial enhancements and critically needed hiring for the U.S. Secret Service**
- **Prioritized funding for improved cybersecurity**
  - ⇒ *Provided the National Protection and Programs Directorate with funding to secure civilian network traffic and improve detection and prevention of cyberattacks and foreign espionage*
  - ⇒ *Added funding to safeguard and enhance the nation's critical infrastructure and emergency communications capabilities*

## MAINTAINING STRINGENT OVERSIGHT

- **Reduced administrative overhead at DHS each year**
- **Denied funding requested by the President for climate change initiatives within FEMA and NPPD**
- **Addressed known issues with the Department's hiring practices and acquisition process**
- **Increased transparency and reduced waste and abuse by:**
  - ◇ *Requiring reports on monthly resource execution, hiring, and detention bed usage*
  - ◇ *Limiting spending on conferences and ceremonies*
  - ◇ *Prohibiting funding for "Fast and Furious" type programs*

## INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### SCALING BACK THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S REGULATORY OVERREACH

- **Reduced EPA funding by \$2.2B** – 21 percent – from FY 2010
  - ⇒ EPA funding was cut for five consecutive years under Chairman Rogers
  - ⇒ Reduced EPA staffing by more than **2,000** full-time equivalents—bringing staffing to the lowest level since 1989
- **Put American jobs first** by preventing numerous new regulations from being enacted, peeled back ongoing regulations, and cut funding for new regulatory programs, including:
  - ◇ Prohibiting the EPA from *regulating the lead content in ammunition or fishing tackle*
  - ◇ *Exempting livestock producers from burdensome EPA greenhouse gas regulations, and relieving livestock operations from EPA permitting requirements*
  - ◇ Prohibiting the Department of the Interior from *administratively creating new wilderness areas*
  - ◇ Prohibiting the Fish and Wildlife Service from issuing *further rules to place sage-grouse on the Endangered Species List* (and thereby preventing severe economic harm to Western states and our nation's energy independence)
  - ◇ Rejected proposals to add more federal regulators that would *duplicate state oversight*
  - ◇ Forcing the Department of the Interior to work with states on *the Stream Buffer Zone rule to prevent unnecessary harm to mining operations*
  - ◇ Compelling the Fish and Wildlife Service to *adopt reasonable protections for threatened bats so that responsible logging and mining can continue*
  - ◇ Forcing the Fish and Wildlife Service to *apply reasonable restrictions on the trade and transport of firearms, musical instruments, and family heirlooms containing antique ivory*
- **Increased transparency** within agencies that are causing the most harm to American industry by:
  - ◇ Requiring the Administration to report to Congress on *federal obligations and expenditures on climate change programs*
  - ◇ Requiring the Department of the Interior and the Forest Services to notify Congress of *any non-emergency closures of public lands to hunting, fishing, shooting, and other recreational activities*

### PROMOTING AMERICAN ENERGY AND GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- **Blocked Administration proposals to impose new fees on onshore oil and gas producers**
- Provided more than **\$14B** for water infrastructure projects, **creating jobs in every district across the United States**
- Provided additional resources to *expedite domestic onshore and offshore energy and minerals development*
- *Blocked Administration proposals to charge new grazing fees on BLM and Forest Service lands*
- Provided funding to *help reduce the grazing permit backlogs*
- **Spurred economic development by providing funding to reclaim abandoned mine lands**
- Spurred the Fish and Wildlife Service to delist more recovered species in the past six years than in all other years combined since the Endangered Species Act was enacted

# INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## PROTECTING AMERICA'S NATURAL HERITAGE

- Targeted funding for critical wildfire fighting and prevention programs within Interior and the Forest Service
  - ⇒ Prioritized funding for hazardous fuels management and timber programs, increasing funding for these programs by **\$58M** and **\$24M** respectively
- Provided targeted funding increases for the National Park Service, particularly to address longstanding maintenance backlog issues, as it approached its centennial year
- Delisted recovered gray wolves in Idaho and Montana, which returned management back to the states and checked the excessive litigation of the Endangered Species Act in the courts

## PROTECTING AMERICA'S CULTURAL HERITAGE

- Made significant improvements in meeting our moral and legal obligations to improve the quality of life for American Indians and Alaska Natives by *increasing funding for health care, law enforcement, and education*
- For the first time ever, began to fully honor the federal government's annual contractual obligations to Tribes—arguably the biggest step toward Indian self-determination in 40 years
- Reformed the Bureau of Indian Education to *improve accountability significantly*



# LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## PRESERVING CONSERVATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Halted any new funding for ObamaCare**
  - ◇ *Maintained CMS Program Management at FY 2014 post-sequester level*
  - ◇ **Prevented a taxpayer bailout of ACA Risk Corridor program**
  - ◇ **Prevented the Prevention and Public Health Fund from being used as an ObamaCare slush fund**
  - ◇ **Cut Independent Payment Advisory Board funding**
  - ◇ *Required the Inspectors General at HHS and Treasury to report to Congress on improper payments of ObamaCare tax subsidies*
  - ◇ *Directed CMS to implement the HHS Inspector General recommendations to ensure state-based exchanges funds are not being used for activities specifically prohibited by law*
  - ◇ **Restricted HHS from using taxpayer dollars to lobby for ObamaCare**
- **Preserved the sanctity of life**
  - ◇ **Continued longstanding provisions** that prevent discrimination against health care providers who refuse to pay for or provide abortions; that ban federal funding for abortions except in certain cases; and that ban creating embryos for research purposes
  - ◇ **Enacted new pro-life provisions** that
    - *Required the Office of Civil Rights to respond to claims of violations of conscience protections*
    - *Required ObamaCare plans to inform customers if they provide abortion-related services*
    - *Allowed states increased access to sexual risk avoidance programs*
- **Stopped the National Labor Relations Board's harmful anti-business regulations related to e-Card Check**
- **Stopped OSHA's anti-business end-run around the rule-making process, requiring public comment and transparency**
- **Cut federal spending by:**
  - ◇ *Reducing bureaucracy by cutting funding for the Office of the Secretary of HHS*
  - ◇ *Eliminating the controversial Race to the Top education initiative*
  - ◇ *Preventing creation of a new mandatory spending program for Preschool Development Grants*

## TARGETING INVESTMENTS TO EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS

- **Funded important research to find cures at the NIH, including a \$2B increase in the FY 2016 bill**
  - ◇ *Increased funding for Alzheimer's, cancer, and brain research*
  - ◇ *Funded the Gabriella Miller Kids First Act pediatric research initiative*
  - ◇ *Directed funding for precision medicine and antimicrobial resistance research*
- **Prioritized public health and critical disease prevention at the CDC**
- **Addressed opioid and prescription drug abuse in a meaningful and comprehensive way, including:**
  - ◇ *Increasing funding for the Opioid Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention program*

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### OPERATING, SECURING, AND MAINTAINING THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE

- **Reduced House of Representatives funding by 14% since 2011**
  - ⇒ *When families across America were tightening their belts, Chairman Rogers asked all Members of Congress to do the same, while ensuring that Member offices still had the resources needed to serve the people they represent*
  - ◇ Limited delivery of documents to individual Member offices to **reduce excess costs and waste**
  - ◇ Continued funding for the Government Accountability Office to *provide accurate, nonpartisan reporting of how taxpayer dollars are spent*
- **Prioritized the safety and health of those who visit and work in the Capitol Complex**
  - ◇ Ensured necessary resources were available to protect the institution from physical and cyber threats
  - ◇ Provided funding for the *Architect of the Capitol* for essential maintenance
    - **Funded the Capitol Dome restoration project ahead of time and under budget**—the first time the Dome has been fully restored since its construction in 1865.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION & VA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### IMPROVING THE CARE OF OUR VETERANS

- **Provided the highest level of discretionary funding ever for the Department of Veterans Affairs—an increase of \$21.3B—or 40%—since FY 2010**
  - ⇒ Provided significant funding to provide *medical care and treatment for VA patients*
  - ◇ Targeted funding to critical services like *mental health care, suicide prevention, caregivers, traumatic brain injury, Hepatitis C, and addressing homelessness*
- **Shrunk the disability claims compensation claims backlog by providing funding to support the digital scanning of claims and to hire additional claims processors in regional offices**
- **Annually fenced Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs funding to ensure that both departments developed high-quality, interoperable electronic health records systems to ensure that our veterans have seamless medical care as they transfer out of active-duty**

### PROVIDING CRITICAL MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Ensured our troops had the infrastructure and facilities on military bases to support operations, training, housing, and military families**
  - ⇒ Upgraded infrastructure to deal with modern challenges posed by Russia and threats from the Middle East and Africa in support of NATO and combatant commander requirements
  - ⇒ Provided infrastructure to support Overseas Contingency Operations

### ADDRESSING MISMANAGEMENT AT THE VA

- **Tightened oversight over taxpayer dollars at the VA by**
  - ◇ Requiring the VA to bring a non-VA entity to manage large construction projects
  - ◇ Fencing construction funding for the largest projects until the VA meets conditions
  - ◇ Restricting transfers of funds, changes in scope, and use of bid savings for construction projects

# STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## PROTECTING AMERICAN INTERESTS BY PROMOTING STABILITY

- **Boosted embassy security** above prior years and by more than the President requested each year to *keep our personnel overseas safe and protect against another Benghazi-type attack*
- Increased funding for international security assistance and programs that **help eliminate terrorist threats abroad** and prevent terrorists from obtaining weapons of mass destruction
- Urged Central American governments to address the *migration of unaccompanied, undocumented minors* by conditioning funding until these governments improved border security, combatted human smuggling and trafficking, and supported repatriation of returning migrants
- **Fulfilled our commitments to and supported our allies across the world**, including:
  - ◇ Fully funding our commitments to the *U.S./Israel Memorandum of Understanding*
  - ◇ Providing funding for Ukraine and other countries in the region to **counter Russian aggression**
  - ◇ Supporting funding for other allies in the Middle East, like Jordan
- **Prioritized funding for global health, humanitarian, and democracy promotion programs**
- **Prohibited OPIC and the Export-Import Bank from blocking coal-fired or other power-generation projects** in low- and lower-middle-income countries. *These projects increase the export of U.S. goods and services, and prevent the loss of U.S. jobs*

## REFORMING FUNDING AND INCREASING ACCOUNTABILITY

- **Stopped funding for ineffective or unnecessary programs**, including: the *Green Climate Fund, the UN Arms Trade Treaty, and debt relief for foreign countries*
- **Set strict limitations on assistance to the Palestinian Authority** by:
  - ◇ Stopping assistance if it *obtains membership to UN agencies without an agreement with Israel*
  - ◇ Prohibiting funds unless *they act to counter incitement of violence against Israelis*
  - ◇ *Reducing economic aid to Palestinians* by the same amount the Palestinian Authority provides to prisoners who have committed acts of terrorism
- **Prevented further mismanagement of records** at the State Department and USAID by:
  - ◇ Prohibiting funding for private email accounts or servers
  - ◇ Requiring departing employees to turn over all records belonging to the federal government
  - ◇ Withholding funding from State until a report is received on improving records management
- **Worked to reform the UN** and US spending on UN programs by:
  - ◇ Conditioning funds for the UN Human Rights Council and withholding funds for UN agencies until audits are made public
  - ◇ Prohibiting funding for the UN Headquarters in New York
  - ◇ No funds for UN peacekeeping missions unless the UN is implementing policies to prevent trafficking in persons and illegal sexual exploitation and abuse
- Slowed the provision of assistance directly to governments by establishing risk assessment and mitigation requirements
- **Shepherded policies and funding levels that protect the sanctity of life**, including:
  - ◇ *Reducing funding for the UN Population Fund* by **42%** from FY 2011 to FY 2016
  - ◇ *Withholding funds dollar-for-dollar in UNFPA operates a program in China*
  - ◇ *Maintaining longstanding pro-life riders*

# TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## INVESTING IN VITAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Provided important funding to maintain our highways, transit, and airport infrastructure** at the full authorized level
- **Increased funding for critical rail safety programs** like positive train control, while reducing unnecessary costs at Amtrak
  - ◇ *Limited over time and prohibited federal funding for routes where Amtrak offers a discount of 50% or more off normal, peak fares*
- **Ensured fully staffed air facilities and full operation of the air traffic control system**
  - ◇ Fully funded aviation safety operations
  - ◇ *Worked to reduce congestion and delays* by investing in NextGen and Contract Towers
- **Helped local communities build, maintain, and ensure the safety of their mass transit systems** by funding the *Federal Transit Administration*

## HELPING AMERICANS GET BACK ON THEIR FEET

- **Continued housing assistance to our most vulnerable citizens**
  - ◇ Provided additional funding to add vouchers for *veterans' housing*
  - ◇ Included funding for *housing for the disabled and housing for the elderly*
- **Helping communities across the nation recover from disasters** like Hurricane Sandy, tornadoes in the Midwest, and horrific flooding by providing funding through Community Development Block Grants and highway programs

## STREAMLINING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS TO BOOST EFFICIENCY

- **Prevented the Obama Administration from raising fees on the backs of Americans**, including the Administration's proposal to raise *Passenger Facility Charge fees and FHA fees*
- **Blocked or reduced funding for unnecessary, ineffective, or wasteful programs**, including:
  - ◇ Unneeded *high-speed rail projects*
  - ◇ The intrusive *National Roadside Survey*
  - ◇ "*Sustainable*" or "*green*" community development projects
- **Protected small business from overregulation related to commercial trucking**, including *truck weight limitations, truck driver hours of service, and hazardous materials permitting*
- Required the Department of Transportation to *ensure citizens' rights to privacy when issuing vehicle safety regulations*
- **Worked to reduce costs of housing voucher costs and streamline HUD operations**
  - ◇ Limited the salary of public housing authority directors
  - ◇ Prohibited bonuses for HUD employees subject to administrative discipline action
  - ◇ Ensured citizenship requirements for receiving housing assistance
  - ◇ Required performance-driven funding for homeless assistance grantees
- **Prohibited HUD from guaranteeing mortgages seized by eminent domain**