



June 15, 2016

Dear Representative:

As organizations concerned about the continuing problem of wasteful spending at the Pentagon, we urge you to vote for the following fiscally responsible amendments to H.R. 5293, the Defense Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2017:

Amendment #13, offered by Mr. Quigley (D-IL), Mr. Blumenauer (D-OR), Mr. Garamendi (D-CA), Mr. Polis (D-CO) and Mr. Smith (D-WA) that, "Decreases funding for the Long Range Standoff Weapon by \$75,802,000 and increase the spending reduction account by the same amount."

Amendment #16, offered by Mr. O'Rourke (D-TX) that, "Strikes Section 8121, which prevents the use of funds for proposing, planning, or executing a new Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round."

Amendment #17, offered by Mr. Huffman (D-CA) and Mr. McClintock (R-CA) that, "Strikes a provision of the bill requiring the Air Force to utilize specific energy sourced domestically within the United States as the base load energy for heating at U.S. defense installations in Kaiserslautern, Germany."

Amendment #20, offered by Mr. Duncan (R-TN) that, "Reduces the funding level for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund of \$3,448,715,000 by \$448,715,000 to \$3,000,000,000 and transfers that money for deficit reduction."

Amendment #21, offered by Mr. Sanford (R-SC), Mr. Brat (R-VA) and Mr. Hastings (D-FL) that, "Ensures that the Department of Defense retains its statutory authority to provide new military recruits a small cash voucher that they can use to purchase running shoes for training."

Amendment #28, offered by Mr. Mulvaney (R-SC) that, "Prohibits Overseas Contingency Operation funds found in Title IX from being used for anything other than a Contingency Operation as defined by United States Code."

Amendment #48, offered by Ms. McSally (R-AZ), Ms. McCollum (D-MN) and Mr. Pearce (R-NM) that, "Limits the Defense Department from using money to have musical military units perform in an official capacity for certain entertainment purposes in 10 USC 974, including dinners, dances, and social events."

There were other fiscally responsible amendments offered at the Committee on Rules which were, unfortunately, not made in order. We're disappointed the House was denied the opportunity to vote to cut other wasteful spending at the Pentagon.

We urge you to vote for the amendments above and to continue to look for ways to keep Pentagon spending under control and within the budget caps.

Sincerely,

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Taxpayers Protection Alliance
Women's Action for New Directions