

**Conference Report: FY 2019 Energy and Water  
Development Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,  
and Legislative Branch Appropriations Minibus**

**Division A: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies**  
\$44.64 billion in discretionary funding - \$1.44 billion above FY18

***Investing in American Infrastructure:***

- Provides an increase in funds for our nation's water resources infrastructure by directing \$7 billion the Army Corps of Engineers, a \$172 million increase above the 2018 level
- \$3.2 billion for navigation projects and studies that will advance American competitiveness and export ability, and improve the functionality of our ports and waterways
- \$2 billion for flood and storm damage reduction activities that will improve public health and safety in communities across the country

***Prioritizing National Security***

- \$15.23 billion for the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons security programs, \$560 million above 2018 enacted levels
- \$120 million for research and development to strengthen the security of our electric grid

***Targeting Funds for Economic Growth***

- \$13.5 billion for the Department of Energy's energy programs, \$554 million above 2018 enacted level, including:
  - \$2.38 billion for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, \$57 million above 2018 level
  - \$1.949 billion for Nuclear Nonproliferation
  - Maintains the Department of Energy's loan guarantee programs

**Division B: Legislative Branch**

\$4.836 billion in discretionary funding, \$130 million above 2018 enacted

### ***Prioritizing Safety and Security***

- \$456.3 million for the Capitol Police, \$29.8 million above 2018 levels, to enhance the safety and security of the Capitol Complex for Members, staff, and thousands of guests who visit each day
- 733.7 million for the Architect of the Capitol to make essential security and safety improvements to the historic buildings of the U.S. Capitol
- Includes \$696 million for the Library of Congress, modernizing the Library's information technology

### ***Partnerships with Higher Education***

- Dedicates funding for paid internships, which will open the door to a broader pool of students and young people who have the ability and interest to serve Congress

### ***Maintaining Fiscal Responsibility***

- Maintains the 10% spending cut for Congress that has been in place since FY 2010
- Continues the Member pay freeze that has been in place since FY 2010
- Provides \$589.75 million, a \$10.8 million increase, for the Government Accountability Office, to continue GAO's critical oversight work that provides Congress with accurate, nonpartisan reporting of how taxpayer dollars are spent

## **Division C: Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

\$98.1 billion in discretionary funding - \$5.3 billion above 2018 enacted

### ***Supporting our Veterans***

- \$86.5 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, an increase of \$5 billion above the 2018 level – the largest dollar amount in the history of the VA
- \$72.3 billion for VA medical care
  - \$8.6 billion for mental health care services
  - \$400 million for opioid abuse prevention

- \$1.1 billion to modernize the VA's electronic health record system to provide seamless care to veterans as they transition from military service
- \$192 million for the Inspector General, \$28 million above the 2018 level specifically for VA investigations;
- Provides resources needed to address the overwhelming number of allegations being reported;
- Speeds up claim processing for more than 450K veterans who are waiting for the compensation they deserve.

### ***Improving VA Financial Management***

- Strengthens oversight and accountability to ensure taxpayer dollars are being used wisely to benefit our veterans:
  - Stronger oversight and limits on VA construction projects
  - \$192 million for the Inspector General, \$28 million above 2018 level

### ***Rebuilding our Military Infrastructure***

- \$10.3 billion for military construction projects for our service members and their families, a \$241 million increase from 2018
- \$1.6 billion for family housing, \$173 million above 2018 level
- \$352 million for the construction or alteration of new or existing military medical facilities
- \$100 million for enhancing anti-terrorism efforts, Force protection, and safety on military installations