



COVID Relief Highlights:

- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP): Extends the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and adds deductibility for PPP expenses
 - Provides \$284.5 billion dollars to reopen and strengthen the PPP for first time and second time borrowers
 - Develops a process for a small business to receive a second PPP if the small business has less than 300 employees and can demonstrate a revenue reduction of 25 percent
 - Maximum loan amount for a second draw PPP will be reduced to \$2 million dollars
 - Increases the PPP loan amount for NAICS 72 businesses (Accommodations and Food Service)
 - Creates a simplified PPP loan forgiveness application for loans under \$150,000 dollars whereby the borrower signs and submits a one-page certification that requires the borrower to list the loan amount, the number of employees retained, and the estimated total amount of the loan spent on payroll costs
 - Strengthens lender hold harmless provisions for lending institutions
 - Expands list of eligible expenses to include covered operations (software, cloud computing, and other human resources and accounting needs); property damage costs due to public disturbances that occurred during 2020 that are not covered by insurance; covered supplier costs; and covered worker protection expenditures (PPE)
 - Makes eligible 501c6s (including local chambers of commerce), destination marketing organizations (DMOs), housing cooperatives, newspapers, broadcasters, and radio stations
 - Repeals the CARES Act provision that requires PPP borrowers to deduct their EIDL Advance from their PPP loan forgiveness amount
 - Updates conflict of interest rules and prohibits publicly traded companies from PPP
 - Provides a process for borrowers to request an increased loan amount if regulations were updated
 - Codifies rules for faith-based organizations and churches to ensure eligibility remains intact
 - Creates a farmer and rancher calculation
- 1 year extension for local governments to use Coronavirus Relief Funds
- Vaccines
 - \$20 billion for the purchase of vaccines that will make the vaccine available at no charge for anyone who needs it
 - \$8 billion for vaccine distribution
 - \$20 billion to assist states with testing
 - \$20 billion distribution from existing provider relief fund



- Stimulus Checks
 - \$600 for both adults and qualifying dependents
 - Payment decreases in size beyond \$75k income
 - Couples who file taxes together see a decrease in size beyond \$150k in combined income
 - Family of four with an income under \$150k would receive \$2,400
 - \$10 billion for childcare assistance
- Unemployment Assistance
 - Temporarily extends a number of unemployment programs created by CARES Act that expire Dec. 31, 2020
 - Provide unemployed individuals an additional \$300 per week for 10 weeks from December 26, 2020-March 14, 2021
 - Extends and phases-out PUA, which is a temporary federal program covering self-employed and gig workers, to March 14 (after which no new applicants) through April 5, 2021
- Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance Program
 - Provides \$20 billion dollars to restart and extend the SBA's EIDL Advance Grant for small businesses in low income communities
 - Creates a process for existing EIDL Advance grantees that received less than \$10,000 dollars to reapply for the difference between what they received and the maximum EIDL Advance Grant of \$10,000 dollars
 - Increases verification tools at the SBA to ensure accurate information is submitted on a grant application
- Financial Services
 - Relief from Troubled Debt Restructuring (TDR) disclosures
 - The CARES Act temporarily suspended the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requirements for the Troubled Debt Restructuring (TDR) classifications on loans
 - Extending this provision for an additional year, to January 1, 2022, will allow banks and credit unions to continue to use every tool available to support consumers and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Addiction
 - \$4 billion for substance abuse – significant progress made over past several years on opioid addiction has been reversed because of impact of COVID lockdowns
- Education
 - \$82 billion in funding for schools and universities to assist with reopening for in-person learning
 - Includes \$2.75 billion in designated funds for private K through 12 education
- Housing



- \$25 billion in temporary and targeted rental assistance for individuals who lost their source of income during the pandemic
- Extends the eviction moratorium until January 31, 2021
- The program appropriately prioritizes the payment of existing arrears to pay landlords and prevent eviction
- The program requires households to recertify their income before they can receive additional future rent payments
- The program prioritizes individuals who have been affected most by the pandemic, including those individuals who have been unemployed for a substantial amount of time due to COVID-19
- Telecomm/Broadband
 - \$7 billion in broadband funding that includes
 - Nearly \$2 billion to replace foreign-manufactured broadband equipment
 - \$300 million to build out rural broadband
 - \$250 million for telehealth
- Transportation
 - \$45 billion for transportation, including
 - \$16 billion for another round of airline employee and contractor payroll support
 - \$14 billion for transit
 - \$10 billion for highways
 - \$2 billion for intercity buses
 - \$2 billion for airports
 - \$1 billion for Amtrak
- Agriculture and Food
 - \$13 billion in increased Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and child nutrition benefits
 - Increases SNAP benefits by 15% for six months
 - Provides funding for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program
 - Program that serves over 700,000 older Americans monthly
 - \$13 billion to support our farmers and agriculture sector
 - Enhances assistance under the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to support specialty crop, non-specialty crop, livestock, dairy, and poultry producers
 - Gives discretionary authority to the Secretary to support producers of biofuels, producers of organics or value-added products, and timber harvesting and hauling businesses
 - Additional funding is directed to programs that support local producers and new and beginning farmers, dairy producers, dairy processors via reimbursement for donated dairy products, fisheries, textile mills, agricultural research, small and medium size meat processors, and to state departments of agriculture for farm stress programs



- \$55 million for continued work on Food and Drug Administration (FDA) efforts to facilitate the development and review, both pre-market and post-market, of medical countermeasures, devices, therapies, and vaccines to combat the coronavirus. In addition, funds will support medical product supply chain monitoring and other public health research and response investments
- \$635 million to shore up the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program responsible for screening passengers and cargo at the border to stop foreign animal and plant pests and diseases from entering the country

Omnibus Highlights:

- Completes the FY21 appropriations process and adheres to the established budget caps
- Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration
 - Provides \$732 million for rural broadband
 - Invests more than \$3.4 billion in critical agriculture research, ensuring food and fiber production for a growing population
 - Includes new language and funding related to foreign drug inspections, including a focus on pharmaceuticals produced in India and China
 - The bill provides FDA with critical funding increases in the amount of \$22 million for medical product safety
 - \$9 million is for Transforming Medical Device Safety
 - \$5 million is for Modernizing Influenza Vaccines
 - \$3.5 million is for Foreign Unannounced Human Drug Inspection Pilot, and \$2.5
- Commerce, Justice, Science
 - Strongly supports our nation's federal, state, and local law enforcement officers by increasing funding for the Department of Justice and preserving federal grant programs that bolster state and local efforts to keep our communities safe
 - Expands law enforcement resources in support of mental and behavioral health intervention teams, de-escalation training, agencies gaining accreditation, and small and rural law enforcement agencies
 - Advances treatment and recovery initiatives and improves prevention and enforcement by investing \$541 million in grant programs that support drug courts, prescription drug monitoring, overdose-reversal drugs, and at-risk youth programs
 - Increases funding to address the backlog of untested rape kits so more offenders can be taken off our streets and survivors can get the justice they deserve
 - Increases funding for the Drug Enforcement Administration to disrupt drug trafficking and money laundering organizations responsible for the nation's illicit drug supply
- Defense
 - Provides our military with the resources to defend our nation and advance U.S. national security



- Includes a 3% pay raise for the troops and provides the resources to continue rebuild our military, deter adversaries, and defend our national security interests
- Provides \$34 billion for Defense Health programs to support our servicemembers; research traumatic brain injury and suicide; and continue research to defeat the many forms of cancer affecting our men and women in uniform
- Fully funds the U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding by providing \$500 million for Israeli Cooperative programs, including the Iron Dome
- Energy and Water
 - Continues to advance the nation’s “all-of-the-above” solution to energy independence through targeted investments in research and development in all energy sources, including nuclear, fossil, geothermal, and hydropower, as well as solar and wind
 - Funds the Army Corps of Engineers at \$7.8 billion, an increase of \$145 million above the enacted FY20 level, with funding directed predominantly to navigation and flood control improvements
- Financial Services and General Government
 - Combats the financing of terrorism and terrorist groups and strengthens the implementation of sanctions against our adversaries such as Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Syria by providing increased funding for the Treasury Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence
 - Combats the drug epidemic by increasing funds for Office of National Drug Control Policy programs such as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas and Drug Free Communities
 - Fully funds the national security review of foreign investment from China, Russia, and other nations by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States
- Homeland Security
 - Provides flexibility for border security
 - \$1.375 billion in new funding for structural barriers and additional funding for border security technology and enforcement
 - \$20 million for new border processing coordinators
 - Provides \$17.1 billion for the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund to continue assistance and response to disasters affecting communities
- Interior and Environment
 - Furthers the federal commitment to meet trust and treaty obligations to Indian Tribes by providing \$359 million above the enacted level
 - Provides \$1.4 billion for Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service wildfire suppression operations, in addition to the \$2.35 billion wildfire suppression cap adjustment, to fight devastating wildfires that threaten our communities
- Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
 - \$3 billion for Alzheimer’s disease



- More than \$6 billion for cancer research
- Provides \$5.9 billion for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and research into alternative therapies for pain management
- Legislative Branch
 - Creates the Modernization Initiatives Account to help implement the recommendations of the Select Committee on Modernization of Congress to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Legislative Branch so that it can better serve the American people
- Military Construction and Veterans Affairs
 - Provides a total of \$8.064 billion for military construction and family housing projects
 - Fully funds veterans' healthcare, including the MISSION Act's community care program, as well as other critical programs
 - Provides \$661 million for gender-specific care to ensure VA meets the needs of women veterans, including \$1 million for peer support programs
 - Provides a total of \$2.63 billion to continue VA's transition to a new electronic health records system and increases congressional oversight of the program
 - Provides a total of \$10.3 billion for VA mental health programs, including \$313 million for suicide prevention outreach
 - Provides \$815 million for VA Medical and Prosthetic Research, an increase of \$15 million above the enacted FY20 level
 - Provides a total of \$1.9 billion to prevent veteran homelessness, including \$420 million for Supportive Services for Veterans Families and \$270 million for the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program
- State and Foreign Operations
 - Strongly supports our ally Israel and fulfills the U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding by providing \$3.3 billion for military assistance
 - Provides \$290 million for the Countering Russian Influence Fund, which provides critical resources to contest Russian influence campaigns and hybrid warfare in Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia
 - Provides \$569 million for the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, an increase of \$270 million above the prior year level
 - Includes additional flexibility to counter harmful Chinese debt-trap diplomacy by combining equity financing, loans, and technical assistance in a single program account
- Transportation and Housing and Urban Development
 - Exempts agricultural haulers from burdensome ELD requirements, providing much-needed regulatory relief
 - \$2 billion for highway infrastructure grants
 - \$1 billion for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grants
 - \$400 million for discretionary airport grants



Other Matters:

- Extends important public health programs for three years, including community health centers - eliminating several funding cliffs over next several years
- [Ends surprise medical billing](#)
 - True and honest cost estimate for patients three days prior to scheduled procedure
 - Arbitration – independent dispute resolution process with no benchmark rate and multiple factors (but not government program reimbursement rates) which can be considered in arbitration process
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- Supports Front Line Health Care Providers by injecting billions of dollars into Medicare physician pay in 2021 and heading off payment cuts due to be enacted next year
- Improves support for Rural and Underserved Health Care
- The omnibus includes the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2020, a bipartisan, bicameral agreement to reauthorize pipeline safety programs at the Pipeline Safety and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) through FY 2023
 - The bill strengthens pipeline safety efforts in the United States and provides reasonable regulatory improvements for the safer, more effective transportation of energy products
 - The bill will provide greater resources to state and local pipeline safety officials, promote and facilitate safety and technological advancements for natural gas operations, and provide necessary updates to PHMSA regulations
- Tax extenders package includes permanence for some policies, multi-year extensions for others and eliminates outdated or misguided policies
 - Makes meals deductible business expense for 2 years
- Technical corrections to USMCA
 - Corrects errors to allow for refunds of the Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF), restore NAFTA treatment to Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ), and reinstate the NADBank's status, as well as to provide for its capitalization
- The legislation will improve energy security and affordability on Indian lands by reauthorizing important government programs, remove barriers to providing access to electrical service, and advise on energy education, planning and management
- The bill prioritizes clean air and environmental protection through the reduction of air pollutants and greenhouse gases
- The omnibus package includes a bipartisan, bicameral agreement based on H.R. 8408, the Aircraft Certification Reform and Accountability Act
 - These provisions respond to issues identified by and recommendations made by non-partisan, expert reviews of the two 737 MAX accidents and the design, certification, and manufacturing of the aircraft



- The bill addresses multiple factors that contributed to the 737 MAX accidents through targeted reforms, without dismantling the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) certification program, which has resulted in an unprecedented safety record for U.S. commercial airlines
- Several provisions improve the ability of rural communities to upgrade electricity and energy systems with technologies necessary for more secure, lower emissions delivery of energy and power to their residents, businesses, and workers
- The legislation will help strengthen our critical minerals supply chain and reduce our reliance on China for imports by cutting down on unnecessary permitting delays and investing in programs to increase recycling and the development of alternatives
- Provisions encourage the development and use of energy and water efficient technologies in homes, businesses and government buildings
- Includes Intel reauthorization
- Includes pipeline reauthorization as well as bipartisan agreement to reform aircraft certification process
- Includes WRDA Reauthorization
 - [WRDA Full Bill Text](#)
 - [WRDA Section-by-Section](#)