

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with section 21304 of the American Relief Act, 2025 (H.R. 10545; the "Act"), I hereby designate as emergency requirements all funding (including the transfer and repurposing of funds) so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

December 20, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Shalanda D. Young
Director

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SUBJECT: Designation of Funding as an Emergency Requirement

The Congress designated as an emergency requirement certain funding in divisions A and B of the American Relief Act (H.R. 10545; the "Act"). Section 21304 of division B of the Act provides that the availability of funding that is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA) is contingent upon the President subsequently so designating all such amounts and transmitting such designations to the Congress. These requirements are a result of the enactment of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, which reinstated discretionary spending caps.

The Act provides a net total of \$117 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2025 emergency funding to respond to and recover from: Hurricanes Beryl, Ian, Idalia, Helene, Hilary, Laura, Milton, and Nicole; wildfires including Maui wildfires and for Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Act funding; Typhoon Mawar; and other severe storms, tornadoes, drought, tropical storms, and floods occurring predominantly in calendar years 2023 and 2024. Emergency funding is also provided for: the Departments of Defense, Energy, Justice, and the Treasury to conduct risk reduction and modification of National Security Systems; the *Virginia*-Class Submarine program; the protection of the residences of the Supreme Court Justices; the consequences of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse; and assistance to States for an emerging eastern spruce budworm outbreak approaching the northeastern U.S. border.

I recommend that you designate as emergency requirements all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of BBEDCA, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts. Upon transmittal of these designations to the Congress, these funds will be immediately available for obligation and expenditure. No further congressional action will be required.

The designation of these funds as emergency requirements allows for adjustments to the discretionary spending limits in FY 2025, as specified in section 251(b)(2)(A) of BBEDCA. These adjustments will be reflected when the Office of Management and Budget submits its final sequestration report for FY 2025 in accordance with section 254(f) of BBEDCA.

I have reviewed this proposed action and am satisfied it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed message to the Congress.

Enclosures

**Accounts in the American Relief Act, 2025 (the “Act”), with Funding Designated by the
President as Emergency Requirements**

Department of Justice (section 155 of division A of this Act)

Federal Bureau of Investigation:

- Salaries and Expenses

Department of Defense (section 157 of division A of this Act)

Procurement:

- Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy

Department of Defense (section 158 of division A of this Act)

Operation and Maintenance:

- Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide

Department of Energy (section 160 of division A of this Act)

Environmental and Other Defense Activities:

- Other Defense Activities

Department of the Treasury (section 162 of division A of this Act)

Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence:

- Salaries and Expenses

Department of Agriculture (division B, title I of this Act)

Processing, Research, and Marketing:

- Office of the Secretary
- Office of Inspector General

Agricultural Research Service:

- Buildings and Facilities

Farm Service Agency:

- Emergency Forest Restoration Program
- Emergency Conservation Program

Natural Resources Conservation Service:

- Emergency Watershed Protection Program

Rural Development Programs:

- Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund

Food and Nutrition Service:

- Commodity Assistance Program

General Provisions (division B, title I of this Act)

Section 2101:

- Amounts provided by this section, which modifies section 10101 of the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008

Section 2102:

- Amounts provided for certain economic assistance payments to producers of eligible commodities during the 2024 crop year

Department of Commerce (division B, title II of this Act)

Economic Development Administration:

- Economic Development Assistance Programs (including transfers of funds)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

- Operations, Research, and Facilities
- Procurement, Acquisition and Construction
- Fisheries Disaster Assistance

Department of Justice (division B, title II of this Act)

United States Marshals Service:

- Salaries and Expenses

Federal Prison System:

- Buildings and Facilities

Science (division B, title II of this Act)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration:

- Construction and Environmental Compliance and Restoration (including transfer of funds)

Department of Defense (division B, title III of this Act)

Operation and Maintenance:

- Operation and Maintenance, Army
- Operation and Maintenance, Navy
- Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps
- Operation and Maintenance, Air Force
- Operation and Maintenance, Space Force
- Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide
- Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve
- Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve
- Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard
- Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard

Procurement:

- Procurement of Ammunition, Army

- Other Procurement, Air Force
- Procurement, Space Force

Research, Development, Test and Evaluation:

- Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army
- Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force

Other Department of Defense Programs:

- Defense Health Programs

Corps of Engineers - Civil (division B, title IV of this Act)

Department of the Army:

- Investigations
- Construction
- Mississippi River and Tributaries
- Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies

Department of the Interior (division B, title IV of this Act)

Bureau of Reclamation:

- Water and Related Resources

Department of Energy (division B, title IV of this Act)

Energy Programs:

- Strategic Petroleum Reserve

National Nuclear Security Administration:

- Weapons Activities

Environmental and Other Defense Activities:

- Defense Environmental Cleanup

The Judiciary (division B, title V of this Act)

Supreme Court of the United States:

- Salaries and Expenses

Small Business Administration (division B, title V of this Act)

- Disaster Loans Program Account (including transfer of funds)

Department of Homeland Security (division B, title VI of this Act)

Coast Guard:

- Operations and Support
- Procurement, Construction, and Improvements

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- Disaster Relief Fund (including transfer of funds)

- Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Account (including transfer of funds)

Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers:

- Procurement, Construction, and Improvements

Department of the Interior (division B, title VII of this Act)

Bureau of Land Management:

- Management of Lands and Resources

United States Fish and Wildlife Service:

- Construction

National Park Service:

- Historic Preservation Fund
- Construction

United States Geological Survey:

- Surveys, Investigations, and Research

Bureau of Indian Affairs:

- Operation of Indian Programs

Bureau of Indian Education:

- Education Construction

Office of Inspector General:

- Salaries and Expenses

Environmental Protection Agency (division B, title VII of this Act)

- Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program
- State and Tribal Assistance Grants

Department of Agriculture (division B, title VII of this Act)

Forest Service:

- Forest Service Operations
- Forest and Rangeland Research
- State, Private, and Tribal Forestry
- National Forest System
- Capital Improvement and Maintenance

General Provisions (division B, title VII of this Act)

Section 2701:

- Amounts provided by this section for the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to recruit and directly appoint

highly qualified individuals into the competitive service to address critical hiring needs for the planning and execution of the projects and activities funded in this title

Department of Health and Human Services (division B, title VIII of this Act)

Administration for Children and Families:

- Payments to States for the Child Care and Development Block Grant

Legislative Branch (division B, title IX of this Act)

Government Accountability Office:

- Salaries and Expenses

Department of Defense (division B, title X of this Act)

- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air Force
- Military Construction, Army National Guard
- Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps

Department of Veterans Affairs (division B, title X of this Act)

Veterans Health Administration:

- Medical Services
- Medical Support and Compliance
- Medical Facilities
- National Cemetery Administration

Departmental Administration:

- Construction, Major Projects
- Construction, Minor Projects

Department of State (division B, title XI of this Act)

International Commissions:

- International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, Construction

Department of Transportation (division B, title XII of this Act)

Federal Highway Administration:

- Emergency Relief Program

Department of Housing and Urban Development (division B, title XII of this Act)

Community Planning and Development:

- Community Development Fund (including transfers of funds)