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Executive Summary

The American people want results from Washington, and the House of Representatives is delivering. In partnership with President Trump, we're making America strong, safe, and great again. Just look at the news:

1.7 Million Jobs Added

Unemployment at Lowest Level in 17 Years

Consumer Confidence at Highest Level in 17 Years

We know there is more work to do. In the House we are the closest representatives to the American people and have the responsibility to act rapidly in their interests.

In year one of this new Congress and the Trump Administration, the House has set the tone. Our productivity is at record highs, and the bills our committees write and the House passes fulfill the vision Republicans and President Trump laid out last year. We've made progress with:

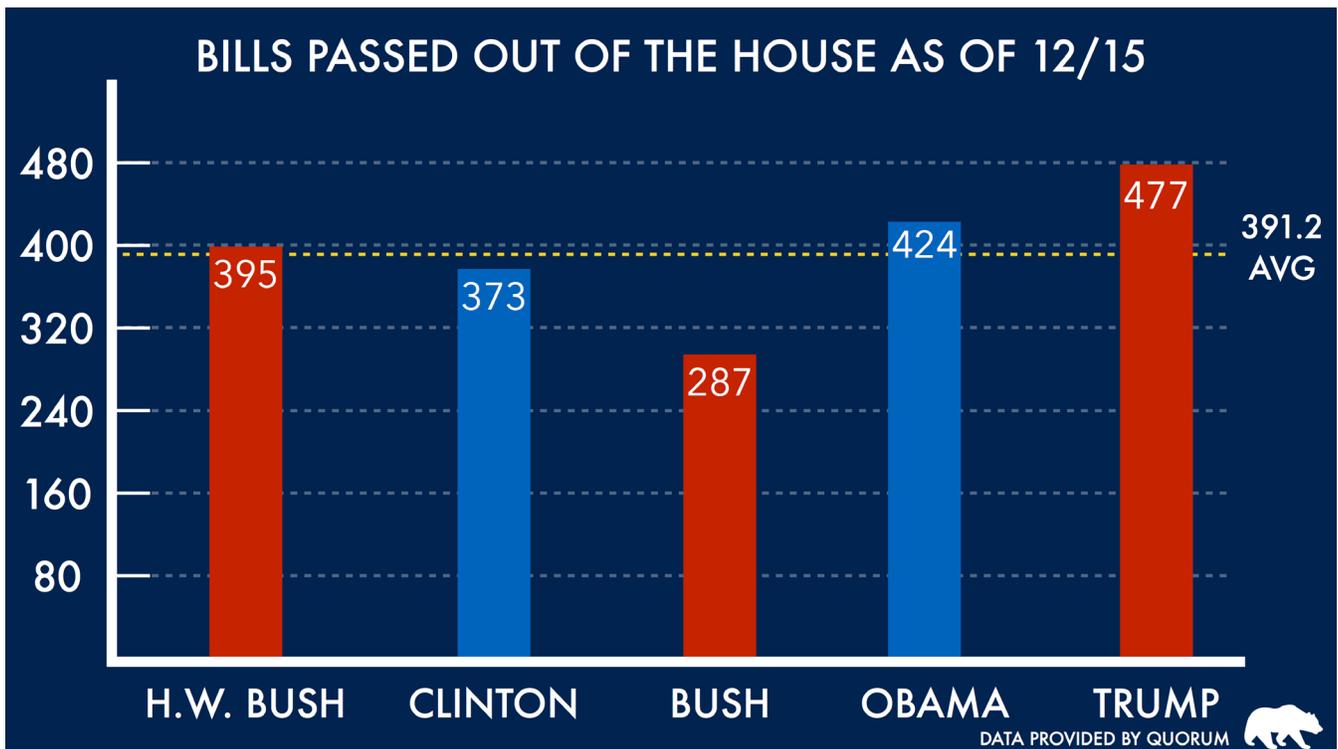
- Tax reform
- Regulatory reform
- Job creation and a fairer economy
- Enduring American values
- Strong national defense

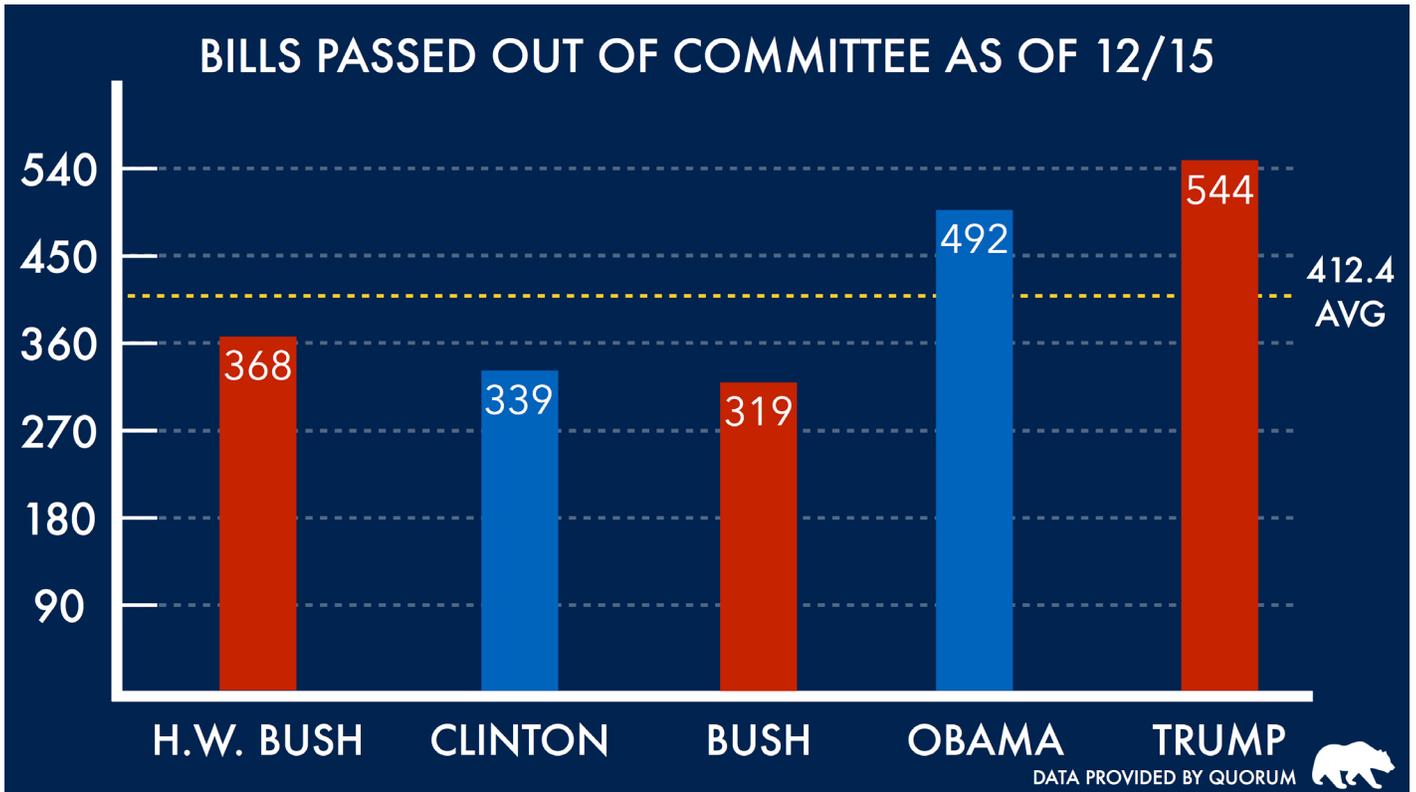
I believe in constantly measuring where we are so we can practically determine how to achieve the results for all the American people who are counting on us. This report should help us see what we've accomplished so we can determine clearly what we must do next.



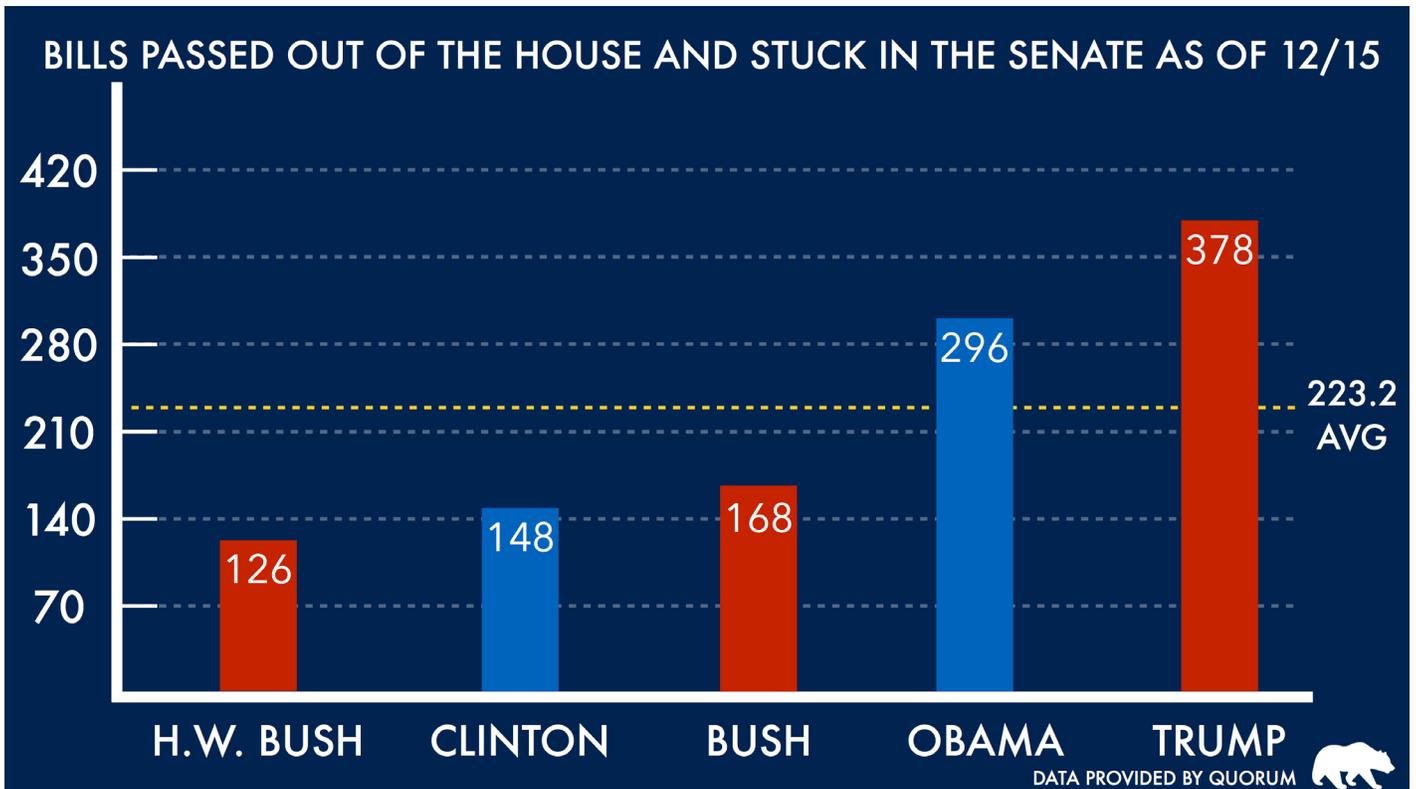
By The Numbers

The numbers don't lie: The House reached record productivity in 2017. We put side by side how the 115th Congress did during the first year of the Trump Administration compared to other Congresses in the first year of the past four presidencies. The data shows that we handily outpaced the average of just over 391 bills passed out of the House with a record-breaking 477.





Our committees have worked on overdrive as well, passing 544 bills out of committee compared to the average of just over 412.



The House is doing everything we can to hold up our end of the bargain. Democrat obstruction is forcing an unmatched bottleneck of 378 bills in the Senate, far exceeding the average of just over 223.



Tax Reform

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Tax reform is at the foundation of America's comeback. With this legislation signed by President Trump, jobs will start coming back to America, workers will get long-awaited raises, small businesses will be able to start and grow, families raising the next generation will have more room to breathe, and every single income bracket will see a tax cut.

On top of all that, the vast majority of Americans will be able to do their taxes on a form the size of a post card.

Our goal has always been a simpler and fairer tax code that reduced the tax burden on the American people and would make America stronger.

With this bill, we've kept our promise to the American people—and come early 2018, hardworking Americans will see more money in their pockets every time they check their paychecks.

Most Pro-Growth Tax Policy Since the Reagan Reforms of 1981 and 1986

- [WALL STREET JOURNAL](#)

Major Win for Republicans and Trump

- [DETROIT NEWS](#)

Real Conservative Victories Are Being Achieved for America

- [WASHINGTON EXAMINER](#)

America Wins with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

By lowering taxes across the board, eliminating costly special-interest tax breaks, and modernizing our international tax system, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will help create more jobs, increase paychecks, and make the tax code simpler and fairer for Americans of all walks of life.

With this bill, the typical family of four earning the median family income of \$73,000 will receive **a tax cut of \$2,059.**

For Individuals and Families, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act:

Lowers individual taxes and sets the rates at 0%, 10%, 12%, 22%, 24%, 32%, 35%, and 37% so people can keep more of their hard-earned money.

Significantly increases the standard deduction to protect roughly double the amount of what you earn each year from taxes – from \$6,500 and \$13,000 under current law to \$12,000 and \$24,000 for individuals and married couples, respectively.

Continues to allow people to write off the cost of state and local taxes – up to \$10,000. Gives individuals and families the ability to deduct property taxes and income – or sales – taxes to best fit their unique circumstances.

Takes action to support more American families by:

- **Expanding the Child Tax Credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000** for single filers and married couples to help parents with the cost of raising children. The tax credit is fully refundable up to \$1,400 and begins to phase-out for families making over \$400,000. Parents must provide a child's valid Social Security number in order to receive this credit.
- **Preserving the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit** to help families care for their children and older dependents such as a disabled grandparent who may need additional support.
- **Preserving the Adoption Tax Credit** so parents can continue to receive additional tax relief as they open their hearts and homes to an adopted child.

Preserves the mortgage interest deduction – providing tax relief to current and aspiring homeowners.

- For all homeowners with existing mortgages that were taken out to buy a home, there will be no change to the current mortgage interest deduction.
- For homeowners with new mortgages on a first or second home, the home mortgage interest deduction will be available up to \$750,000.

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: Individuals and Families

Provides relief for Americans with expensive medical bills by expanding the medical expense deduction for 2017 and 2018 for medical expenses exceeding 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income, and rising to 10 percent beginning in 2019.

Continues and expands the deduction for charitable contributions so people can continue to donate to their local church, charity, or community organization.

Eliminates Obamacare's individual mandate penalty tax – providing families with much-needed relief and flexibility to buy the health care that's right for them if they choose.

Maintains the Earned Income Tax Credit to provide important tax relief for low-income Americans working to build better lives for themselves.

Improves savings vehicles for education by allowing families to use 529 accounts to save for elementary, secondary and higher education.

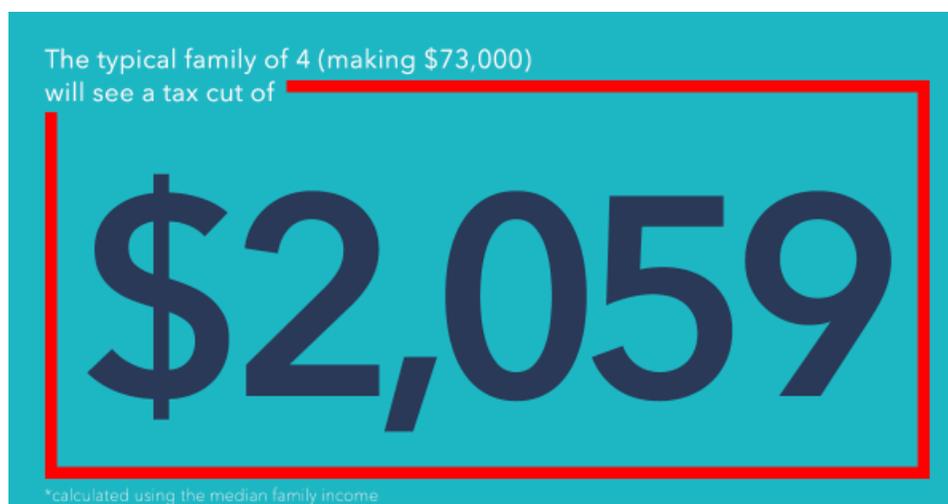
Provides support for graduate students by continuing to exempt the value of reduced tuition from taxes.

Retains popular retirement savings options such as 401(k)s and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) so Americans can continue to save for their future.

Increases the exemption amount from the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) to reduce the complexity and tax burden for millions of Americans.

Provides immediate relief from the Death Tax by doubling the amount of the current exemption to reduce uncertainty and costs for many family-owned farms and businesses when they pass down their life's work to the next generation.

Establishes an environmentally responsible oil and gas program in the non-wilderness 1002 Area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Congress specifically set aside the 1.57-million acre 1002 Area for potential future development. Two lease sales will be held over the next decade and surface development will be limited to 2,000 federal acres – just one ten-thousandth of all of ANWR.



Courtesy of House Ways and Means Committee

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: Job Creators

For Job Creators of All Sizes, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act:

Lowers the corporate tax rate to 21% (beginning Jan. 1, 2018) – down from 35%, which today is the highest in the industrialized world – the largest reduction in the U.S. corporate tax rate in our nation’s history.

Delivers significant tax relief to Main Street job creators by:

- **Offering a first-ever 20% tax deduction that applies to the first \$315,000 of joint income** earned by all businesses organized as S corporations, partnerships, LLCs, and sole proprietorships. For Main Street job creators with income above this level, the bill generally provides a deduction for up to 20% on business profits – reducing their effective marginal tax rate to no more than 29.6%.
- **Establishing strong safeguards** so that wage income does not receive the lower marginal effective tax rates on business income – helping to ensure that Main Street tax relief goes to the local job creators it was designed to help most.

Allows businesses to immediately write off the full cost of new equipment to improve operations and enhance the skills of their workers – unleashing growth of jobs, productivity, and paychecks.

Protects the ability of small businesses to write off interest on loans, helping these Main Street entrepreneurs start or expand a business, hire workers, and increase paychecks.

Preserves important elements of the existing business tax system, including:

- **The low-income housing tax credit** that encourages businesses to invest in affordable housing so families, individuals, and seniors can find a safe and comfortable place to call home.
- **The research and development tax credit** that encourages our businesses and workers to develop cutting-edge “Made in America” products and services.
- **The tax-preferred status of private-activity bonds** that are used to finance valuable infrastructure projects.

Eliminates the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax, thereby lowering taxes and eliminating confusion and uncertainty so American job creators can focus on growing their business and hiring more workers, rather than on burdensome paperwork.

Makes it easier for American businesses to bring home foreign earnings to invest in growing jobs and paychecks in our local communities.

Prevents American jobs, headquarters, and research from moving overseas by eliminating incentives that now reward companies for shifting jobs, profits, and manufacturing plants abroad.



More Power for American Citizens

Regulatory Reform

President Trump declared in his inaugural address that “we are transferring power from Washington, D.C., and giving it back to you, the people.” That power was taken away by an avalanche of rules that the people had no say over, dictated from a federal bureaucracy they don’t control.

In President Obama’s final year, the Federal Register hit 97,110 pages—longer by nearly 18,000 pages, or 15 King James Bibles, than in 2008.

Federal regulations cost the American people about \$1.89 trillion every year, according to an [estimate](#) by the Competitive Enterprise Institute. That’s more than 10% of GDP, or roughly \$15,000 per American household.

The Obama administration also burdened the public with nearly 583 million hours of compliance, [according](#) to the American Action Forum.

The House undertook structural reforms and specific repeals to shrink the regulatory state and return power to our fellow citizens. The results?

A GOP Regulatory Game Changer

- [WALL STREET JOURNAL](#)

House Republicans Have Been on a Blitz of Regulatory Reform

- [REUTERS](#)

Republican Congress Puts Priority on Targeting Regulations

- [USA TODAY](#)

Regulatory Repeal Through the Congressional Review Act

Right out of the gate, this conference fundamentally reformed our regulatory state. After years of Barack Obama's executive overreach, we voted to repeal 16 regulations that were imposed by executive fiat.

1. [The Stream Buffer Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 38) would have saddled mines with unnecessary regulations, putting up to 64% of America's coal reserves off limits and threatening between 40,000 to 70,000 mining jobs. [Passed](#) 228-194 with 4 Democrats, **signed by President Trump**.
2. [The SEC Disclosure Rule for Resource Extraction](#) (H.J. Res. 41) would have put an unreasonable compliance burden on publicly traded American energy companies, putting them at a disadvantage to foreign-owned businesses. [Passed](#) 235-187 with 5 Democrats, **signed by President Trump**.
3. [The Social Security Service's Second Amendment Restrictions](#) (H.J. Res. 40) would increase scrutiny on up to 4.2 million law-abiding disabled Americans attempting to purchase firearms, potentially depriving people of their constitutional rights without proper due process protections. [Passed](#) 235-180 with 6 Democrats, **signed by President Trump**.
4. [The Federal Contracts Blacklisting Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 37) would unjustly block many businesses accused of violating labor laws from federal contracts before they've even had a chance to defend themselves in court. [Passed](#) 236-187 with 3 Democrats, **signed by President Trump**.
5. [The Bureau of Land Management Venting and Flaring Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 36) would further cap methane emissions in the oil and gas industry at a time when the industry is already dramatically reducing emissions, potentially wiping out family-owned marginal wells and costing an estimated \$1 billion. [Passed](#) 221-191 with 3 Democrats, **passed House**.
6. [The Bureau of Land Management Planning 2.0 Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 44) would reduce local authority over large swaths of land out west, massively expanding the federal government's control over more than 175 million acres of land—about 4,000 times the size of Washington, D.C.—in 11 western states. [Passed](#) 234-186 with 4 Democrats, **signed by President Trump**.
7. [The Teacher Preparation Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 58) would force states to use Washington's standards to determine whether a teacher preparation program is effective, undermining local control over education and potentially exacerbating the shortage of special education teachers. [Passed](#) 230-181 with 5 Democrats, **signed by President Trump**.
8. [The Education Accountability Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 57) would be an unfunded mandate imposing Washington's standard for how to assess schools on state and local governments. [Passed](#) 234-190 with 0 Democrats, **signed by President Trump**.
9. [The Unemployment Insurance Drug Testing Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 42) would severely restrict states' ability to limit drug abusers from receiving unemployment benefits even if the drug users are not able and available for work, as the law requires. [Passed](#) 232-189 with 4 Democrats, **signed by President Trump**.
10. [The State Retirement Plan Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 66) would treat employees unequally by allowing states to force some workers into second-tier government-run retirement accounts that lack the same protections as private-sector accounts. [Passed](#) 231-193 with 1 Democrat, **signed by President Trump**.

Regulatory Repeal Through the Congressional Review Act

11. [The Local Retirement Plan Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 67) would treat employees unequally by allowing certain localities to force some workers into second-tier government-run retirement accounts that lack the same protections as private-sector accounts. *Passed* 234-191 with 1 Democrat, *signed by President Trump*.

12. [The National Wildlife Hunting and Fishing Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 69) would infringe on Alaska's right to sustainably manage fish and wildlife by overregulating hunting—a move that could set the stage for the federal government to undermine local control across the U.S. *Passed* 225-193 with 5 Democrats, *signed by President Trump*.

13. [The Title X Abortion Funding Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 43) would force states to administer Title X health funding to abortion providers, even if states want to redirect those funds to community health centers and hospitals that offer more comprehensive coverage. *Passed* 230-188 with 2 Democrats, *signed by President Trump*.

14. [The OSHA Power Grab Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 83) would overturn a rule that is clearly unlawful. The law explicitly states that employers can only be targeted for failing to keep proper health and safety records within a six-month time period. The rule we overturned would have extended that to a full five years. *Passed* 232-191 with 4 Democrats, *signed by President Trump*.

15. [FCC Internet Service Provider Rule](#) (S.J. Res. 34) would treat internet service providers (ISPs) the same as other companies like Google and Facebook by applying the same privacy rules to everyone. *Passed* 215-205 with 0 Democrats, *signed by President Trump*.

16. [CFPB Rule](#) (H.J. Res. 111) nullifies the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) harmful arbitration rule. *Passed* House 231 - 190, *signed by President Trump*.

DATA POINTS

16 PASSED THE HOUSE
13 WERE BIPARTISAN
15 SIGNED INTO LAW
\$3.7 BILLION SAVED

NEWS

A Fitting and Just End to Mr. Obama's Abuse of Authority

- [WALL STREET JOURNAL](#)

A Significant Step Toward Restoring Democratic Accountability Over the Administrative State

- [NATIONAL REVIEW](#)

Trump's Use of the Congressional Review Act is a Legislative Milestone

- [BREITBART](#)

Changing the Structure of Washington's Bureaucracy

Washington's many agencies, bureaus, and departments propagate rules that weigh down businesses, destroy jobs, and limit American freedoms. Career bureaucrats who never face the voters wield punishing authority with little to no accountability. If there's a swamp in Washington, this is it.

Our action strips power from the bureaucracy and gives it back to the people.

REINS Act (H.R. 26)

The REINS Act requires every new regulation that costs more than \$100 million to be approved by Congress. The idea behind this bill is simple: If a regulation from a federal agency is going to have a major impact on the economy, then Congress ought to have a say. *Passed House 237 – 187 with 2 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

REINS Could Save More Than \$27B in Regulatory Costs and 11.5 Million Paperwork Burden Hours

- [AMERICAN ACTION FORUM](#)

Regulatory Accountability Act (H.R. 5)

This bill requires agencies to choose the least-costly option available to accomplish their goals. It also prohibits large rules from going into effect while they are being challenged in court. Further, it would end “Chevron deference,” a doctrine that stacks the legal system in favor of the bureaucracy by directing judges to defer to an agency’s interpretation of its own rules. *Passed House 238 – 183 with 5 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

A Regulatory Reform Bill That Everyone Should Like

- [BLOOMBERG](#)

H.R. 21 | Jan 4, 2017 | PASSED

Midnight Rules Relief Act

H.R. 26 | Jan 5, 2017 | PASSED

Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act

H.R. 5 | Jan 11, 2017 | PASSED

Regulatory Accountability Act

H.R. 998 | March 1, 2017 | PASSED

SCRUB Act

H.R. 1009 | March 1, 2017 | PASSED

OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability

H.R. 1004 | March 2, 2017 | PASSED

Regulatory Integrity Act

H.R. 1430 | March 29, 2017 | PASSED

HONEST Act

H.R. 1431 | March 30, 2017 | PASSED

EPA Science Advisory Board Reform

H.R. 953 | May 24, 2017 | PASSED

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act

H.R. 806 | July 18, 2017 | PASSED

Ozone Standards Implementation Act

H.R. 732 | Oct 24, 2017 | PASSED

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act

H.R. 469 | Oct 25, 2017 | PASSED

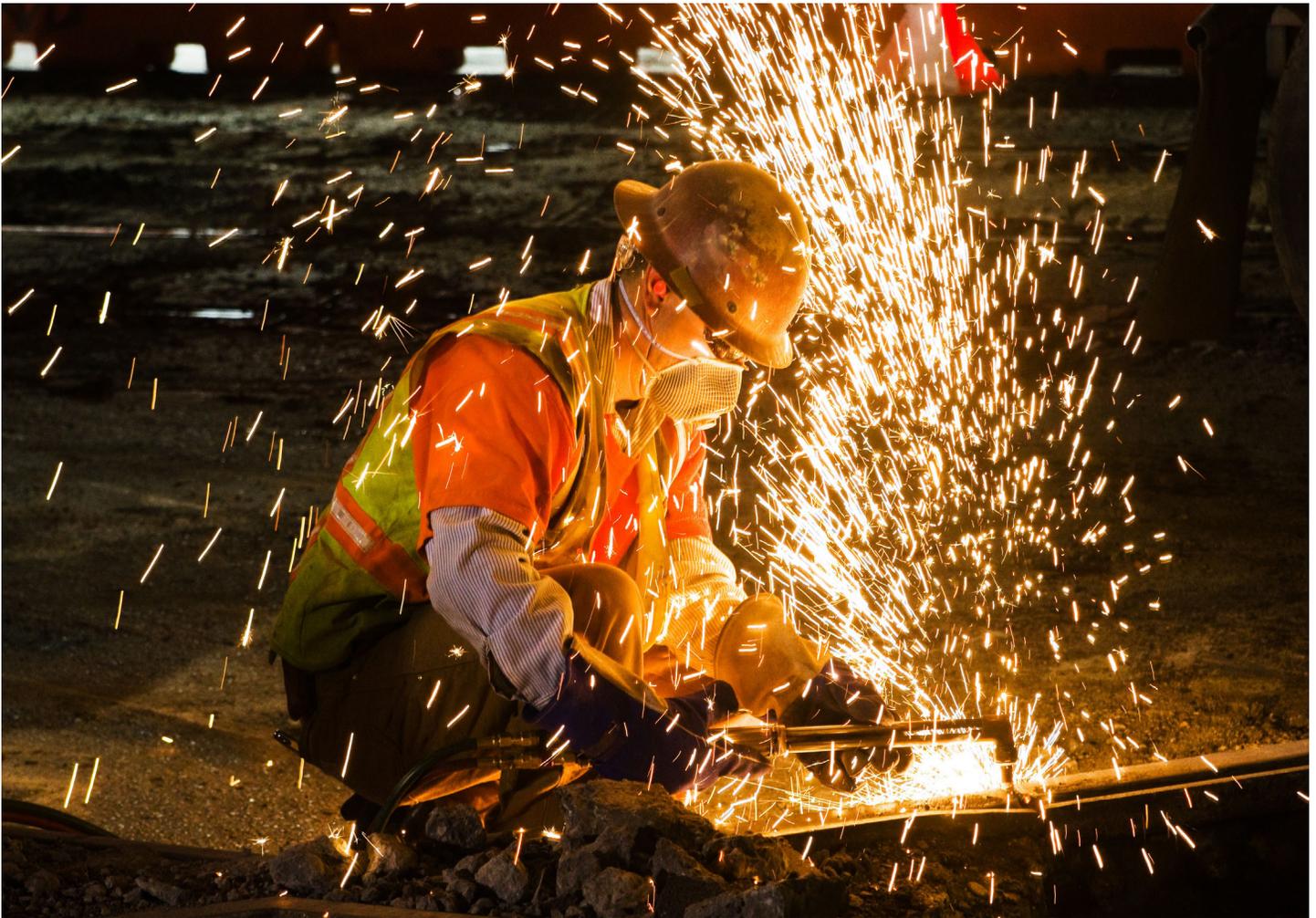
Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act

H.R. 3441 | Nov 7, 2017 | PASSED

Save Local Business Act

H.R. 3071 | Nov 13, 2017 | PASSED

Federal Acquisition Savings Act



A Strong, Healthy America

Jobs, Health Care, Government Spending

We have a mandate to create an economy that benefits every American. New American innovations, industries, and delivery systems should be lifting all Americans up, but right now too few see the benefits of our changing economy.

Past administrations' attempts to fix this have fallen flat. Over the years, Washington has resisted the best elements of a free and modern society and instead insisted on more government interference in our lives to little public benefit.

This command-and-control system has trapped Americans in a broken health care system and has stopped entrepreneurs and businesses from growing and creating more jobs.

The result has been a bigger government doing less for our people while more get left behind.

The House is keeping our promise for a better health care system, improved skills training, more jobs in a growing economy, support for our farmers, and reforms of a broken financial service system.

Manufacturing Unemployment Lowest in 17 Years

- [YAHOO](#)

Unemployment Rate Hits Record Low in 13 States

- [THE HILL](#)

Economy Showing Major Progress Under Trump

- [LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL](#)

Energy

Americans understand how our country's energy renaissance has lowered gas prices, created jobs, and reduced the influence of OPEC.

This year, President Trump reversed terrible Obama-era energy decisions and approved the Keystone and Dakota Access pipelines.

He also reasserted American leadership and pulled out of the Paris Climate Accord unless we get terms that benefit America.

While the President has been busy, in the House we voted on energy infrastructure projects, and opened up ANWR for exploration and development which will create jobs and put us on a path to North American energy independence.

H.R. 2883 | July 19, 2017 | PASSED
Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act

H.R. 2910 | July 19, 2017 | PASSED
Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act

H.R. 3043 | Nov 8, 2017 | PASSED
Hydropower Policy Modernization Act

Skills

The House has acted to help men and women get the education they need in today's workplace. Jobs data indicates employers are ready to hire, but they are having [trouble finding qualified workers](#).

Yet the future is filled with opportunity. [Sixty-five percent of today's students](#) will be employed in jobs that don't exist yet.

Not only that, but over the next decade [3.4 million manufacturing jobs](#) are expected to be created.

Unfortunately, up to 2 million may go unfilled because of a skills gap. We can't let that happen. We need American workers to fill those American jobs.

H.R. 2353 | June 22, 2017 | PASSED
Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

H.R. 2842 | June 23, 2017 | PASSED
Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act

Agriculture

Our farmers feed America and the world, and we must do everything we can to support them.

Strong farms need access to water, and though America's farmers help put the food on the table, government mandates continue to threaten their ability to do so in the future.

To keep everyday staples affordable for hardworking Americans, we have helped farmers keep their land, water it effectively, and have access to markets without undue government burdens.

H.R. 238 | Jan 12, 2017 | PASSED
Commodity End-User Relief Act

H.R. 1029 | March 20, 2017 | PASSED
Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act

H.R. 1238 | March 22, 2017 | PASSED
Securing our Agriculture and Food Act

H.R. 1177 | May 17, 2017 | PASSED
Removing Outdated Restrictions to Allow for Job Growth Act

H.R. 1654 | June 22, 2017 | PASSED
Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act

H.R. 23 | July 12, 2017 | PASSED
Gaining Responsibility on Water Act

Access to Capital

Community banks are vital to community development, but Dodd-Frank has strangled these banks with red tape and needless compliance costs. Approximately 1,900 banks, including many community financial institutions, have disappeared since Dodd-Frank became law.

Whether you are opening a sandwich shop or looking to make improvements on your house, your access to capital shouldn't be limited to just a few big banks.

Financial CHOICE Act (H.R. 10)

The Financial CHOICE Act will revive our community banks by removing burdens that prevent lending, decreasing compliance costs, and improving access to credit and capital. Growing our economy starts with investing in our communities, and for generations local banks have led the way in community investment. *Passed House 233 – 186 with 0 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

House Votes for a Sturdier, Less Politicized Financial System

- [WALL STREET JOURNAL](#)

House Votes to Gut Dodd-Frank

- [FOX BUSINESS](#)

H.R. 79 | Jan 10, 2017 | PASSED

Helping Angels Lead Our Startups Act

H.R. 78 | Jan 12, 2017 | PASSED

SEC Regulatory Accountability Act

H.R. 1343 | April 4, 2017 | PASSED

Encouraging Employee Ownership Act

H.R. 1219 | April 6, 2017 | PASSED

Supporting America's Innovators Act

H.R. 1312 | May 1, 2017 | PASSED

Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act

H.R. 910 | May 1, 2017 | PASSED

Fair Access to Investment Research Act

H.R. 3903 | Nov 1, 2017 | PASSED

Encouraging Public Offerings Act

H.R. 3911 | Nov 7, 2017 | PASSED

Risk-Based Credit Examination Act

H.R. 2201 | Nov 9, 2017 | PASSED

Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act

Innovation

Our goal in government should never be to stop the next great American idea from turning into a successful American business. We should enable it.

One of the goals of the Innovation Initiative is to tear down government-made barriers to success and embrace the ideas that will keep America as the global leader in innovation. We have also used innovation to modernize government for better citizen services and improve security of government networks.

Modernizing Government Technologies (H.R. 2227)

We spend 80% of our \$80 billion government IT budget per year on upkeep for legacy programs. This legislation updates our IT systems to move us to the modern age. *Passed House by voice, signed into law by President Trump.*

White House-Backed Bipartisan Bill to Upgrade Aging Federal Networks

- [POLITICO](#)

A Major Piece of the White House's Strategy to Modernize the Federal Government's Technology Infrastructure

- [FEDSCOOP](#)

H.R. 39 | Jan 20, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
TALENT Act

H.R. 255 | Feb 28, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
Promoting Women in
Entrepreneurship Act

H.R. 321 | Feb 28, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
INSPIRE Women Act

H.R. 274 | May 16, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
Modernizing Government Travel
Act

H.R. 239 | Jan 10, 2017 | PASSED
Support for Rapid Innovation Act

H.R. 240 | Jan 10, 2017 | PASSED
Leveraging Emerging Technologies
Act

H.R. 288 | Jan 10, 2017 | PASSED
Small Business Broadband
Deployment Act

Health Care

The House fulfilled our promise to repeal Obamacare and replace it with a patient-centered health care system. The American Health Care Act (AHCA) was central to our efforts. In addition to the AHCA, the House also passed numerous other reforms to increase choice and lower premiums.

Nobody is happy with our health care system, and the status quo is unsustainable. The House will continue to build on the months of work we've already done to fix Obamacare's mess.

American Health Care Act (H.R. 1628)

The American Health Care Act would have repealed Obamacare and replaced it with a health care system that would lower premiums and give the American people more choices. *Passed House 217 - 213 with 0 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act (H.R. 372)

This bill eliminates anti-trust protection for insurance providers and creates competition so Americans are not left with one or two choices for health coverage, which has been a growing reality in many parts of the country. *Passed House 416 - 7 with 181 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

Small Business Health Fairness Act (H.R. 1101)

This bill allows small businesses to pool together and purchase plans—increasing their purchasing power to negotiate better care and lower premiums for their workers. This is an important step toward purchasing healthcare across state lines as it allows interstate shopping for small business plans. *Passed House 236 - 175 with 4 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

Protecting Access to Care Act (H.R. 1215)

This bill prevents abusive lawsuits that cause higher premiums due to the high and unnecessary cost of defensive medicine. *Passed House 218 - 210 with 0 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS Act (H.R. 3922)

This bill extends funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), a vitally important program that provides health insurance to 9 million children nationwide. *Passed House 242 - 174 with 15 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

H.R. 315 | Jan 9, 2017 | PASSED

Improving Access to Maternity Care Act

H.R. 1101 | March 22, 2017 | PASSED

Small Business Health Fairness Act

H.R. 372 | March 22, 2017 | PASSED

Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act

H.R. 1304 | April 5, 2017 | PASSED

Self-Insurance Protection Act

H.R. 1628 | May 4, 2017 | PASSED

American Health Care Act

H.R. 2581 | June 13, 2017 | PASSED

Verify First Act

H.R. 2579 | June 15, 2017 | PASSED

Broader Options for Americans Act

H.R. 2372 | June 15, 2017 | PASSED

VETERAN Act

H.R. 1215 | June 28, 2017 | PASSED

Protecting Access to Care Act

H.R. 849 | Nov 2, 2017 | PASSED

Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act

H.R. 3922 | Nov 3, 2017 | PASSED

CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS Act

A Budget for the Future

The first step to responsible government is with a budget that balances and resets our spending to national priorities—not pet projects. The second step is through an open and full appropriations process.

Passing the FY18 Budget unlocked reconciliation for tax reform which will make America stronger in the world and improve the lives of our people.

This year, for the first time since 2004, House Republicans passed all 12 appropriations bills. These bills:

- Fully fund the Trump Administration’s request for a wall along the southern border.
- Roll back job-killing regulations, like the fiduciary rule, the Waters of the U.S. rule, and Dodd-Frank regulations.
- Protect the safety of our citizens by providing for \$789.7 billion in national security priorities, including defense, nuclear weapons safety and reliability, and veterans’ affairs.

H.R. 3354 | Sep 14, 2017 | PASSED
Make America Secure and
Prosperous Appropriations Act

H. Con. Res. 71 | Oct 5, 2017 | PASSED
FY 2018 Budget



American Values

Help Veterans, Strong Families, Safe Communities

Supporting the values all Americans share starts with making sure no one is left behind. Strong families, invested public safety officials, and effective community organizations—such as our churches—provide the foundation for good, successful, fulfilling, and joyful lives.

Nothing can replace a stable and happy home, good values, and a safe neighborhood. Government can't—and shouldn't—do everything, but it can and should support strong individuals, families, and communities.

Veterans

If you fight for us, we fight for you. That's how it works in America. Breaking our moral commitment to provide health care, basic economic security, and opportunity for our veterans is a national scandal that we cannot accept.

The House has built on the progress of previous years to root out incompetence and failures in the VA and give our veterans every chance they deserve to find a decent job and live full and healthy lives. We made a promise to our veterans, and we won't stop until we keep it in full.

Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act (H.R. 3218)

This bill was the largest expansion of GI education benefits in over a decade. In particular, it allows veterans to use the GI Bill throughout their lives and establishes a pilot program for veterans to attend non-traditional technology education programs that will help them get jobs immediately after completion. *Passed House 405 – 0 with 184 Democrats, signed into law by President Trump.*

Largest Expansion of College Assistance for Veterans in a Decade

- [ASSOCIATED PRESS](#)

A Great Display of Unanimity

- [SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE](#)

Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act (S. 1094)

The VA needs a culture change. This accountability act makes it easier for the VA to fire bad employees so that the good employees can better do their jobs to care for veterans. *Passed House 368 – 55 with 137 Democrats, signed into law by President Trump.*

Veterans Celebrate VA Accountability Bill as a Promise Kept

- [STARS AND STRIPES](#)

Lives Will Be Saved as a Result of this Legislation

- [CONCERNED VETERANS FOR AMERICA](#)

S. 1094 | June 23, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act

S. 114 | Aug 12, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
VA Choice and Quality Employment Act

H.R. 3218 | Aug 16, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act

H.R. 2288 | Aug 23, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act

H.R. 27 | Jan 3, 2017 | PASSED
Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act

H.R. 28 | Jan 3, 2017 | PASSED
Biological Implant Tracking and Veteran Safety Act

H.R. 974 | Feb 13, 2017 | PASSED
Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment Act

H.R. 1181 | March 16, 2017 | PASSED
Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act

H.R. 1162 | May 23, 2017 | PASSED
No Hero Left Untreated Act

H.R. 467 | May 24, 2017 | PASSED
VA Scheduling Accountability Act

H.R. 282 | July 24, 2017 | PASSED
Military Residency Choice Act

H.R. 1058 | July 24, 2017 | PASSED
VA Provider Equity Act

H.R. 1690 | July 24, 2017 | PASSED
Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act

S. 1393 | December 21, 2017 | PASSED
Jobs for Our Heroes Act

Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act (S. 585)

The bill provides additional protections to federal employees who are retaliated against for disclosing waste, fraud, or abuse in the federal government. The legislation also directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to address agency-specific gaps in its protection of VA employees. *[Passed](#) House 420 – 0 with 188 Democrats, **signed into law by President Trump.***

New Law Targets Managers Who Retaliate Against Whistleblowers

- [WASHINGTON POST](#)

S. 585 | Oct 12, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW

Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick
Whistleblower Protection Act

H.R. 1066 | Nov 6, 2017 | PASSED

VA Management Alignment Act

H.R. 4173 | Nov 8, 2017 | PASSED

Veterans Crisis Line Study Act

H.R. 3705 | Nov 8, 2017 | PASSED

Veterans Debt Notice Act

S 1266 | Dec 6, 2017 | PASSED

Enhancing Veteran Care Act

Upholding the Sanctity of Life

Nothing is more precious than life. A truly just and moral society must protect the weakest among us who don't have a voice to defend themselves.

House Republicans have fought to defend the sanctity of life—especially for the unborn.

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection (H.R. 36)

This legislation—also known as Micah's Law for a young boy born at only 20-weeks—would ban abortions after 20 weeks, or when babies can feel pain. These are children who have eyes, noses, ears, and heartbeats. They are fully human, and we have an obligation to defend them and give them a chance to grow up, learn to walk, scrape their knees, go to school, fall in love, and one day even have children of their own. *Passed House 237 – 189 with 3 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

**Represents the Most Meaningful Federal Restriction on Abortion
Since Roe v. Wade**
- [NATIONAL REVIEW](#)

A Win for Basic Human Decency
- [SUSAN B. ANTHONY LIST](#)

A Huge Pro-Life Victory
- [REDSTATE](#)

No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure (H.R. 7)

This bill will end the immoral practice where taxpayers are forced to pay for abortions, regardless of their views on the matter. It does matter if you are pro-life or pro-abortion, we should make people to pay for something they are deeply and morally opposed to. *Passed House 238 – 3 with 3 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

Another Victory for Taxpayers, Women, and Their Unborn Children
- [FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL](#)

**A Decisive Step Toward Respect for Human Life, Reflecting the Will
of the American People**
- [USCCB](#)

H.R. 7 | Jan 24, 2017 | PASSED
No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion
and Abortion Insurance Full
Disclosure Act

H.R. 1628 | May 4, 2017 | PASSED
Provisions to Defund Planned
Parenthood

H.R. 3354 | Sep 14, 2017 | PASSED
Reproductive Health Non-
Discrimination Amendment Act

H.R. 36 | Oct 3, 2017 | PASSED
Pain-Capable Unborn Child
Protection Act

Combating Human Trafficking

Here in America, there were 7,572 cases of human trafficking reported in 2016. That's an increase of 35% just from the year before.

No single piece of legislation will end human trafficking and exploitation—the crime is both pervasive and hidden in plain sight. But every single one of these bills will help. And with each one, we are closer to ending this terrible wrong and giving victims the chance to live the normal lives that were stolen from them.

Strengthening Children's Safety Act (H.R. 1842)

Closes two sets of loopholes so all sex offenders—those who commit the same act under state law that are crimes under federal law—are subject to the same enhanced penalties. *Passed House 371-30 with 153 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

Put Trafficking Victims First Act (H.R. 2473)

Directs the Attorney General to train prosecutors to have a victim-centered approach and encourages states to provide appropriate services for victims of trafficking. *Passed House by voice, awaiting Senate action.*

Global Child Protection Act (H.R. 1862)

Closes loopholes in current law that have allowed for adults to travel abroad and sexually abuse children while facing no consequences at home. *Passed House 372-30 with 153 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

Ending Modern Day Slavery: The One Issue Everyone in Washington Can Agree On

- [CBN NEWS](#)

The Bipartisan War on Human Trafficking is a Bright Spot

- [ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH](#)

House Passes Sweeping Overhaul of Law to Combat Human Trafficking

- [USA TODAY](#)

H.R. 1625 | May 22, 2017 | PASSED
The TARGET Act

H.R. 1862 | May 22, 2017 | PASSED
Global Child Protection Act

H.R. 1842 | May 22, 2017 | PASSED
Strengthening Children's Safety Act

H.R. 1188 | May 22, 2017 | PASSED
The Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act

H.R. 883 | May 22, 2017 | PASSED
Targeting Child Predators Act

H.R. 2473 | May 23, 2017 | PASSED
Put Trafficking Victims First Act

H.R. 1808 | May 23, 2017 | PASSED
Improving Support for Missing and Exploited Children Act

H.R. 1809 | May 23, 2017 | PASSED
Juvenile Justice Reform Act

H.R. 2200 | May 23, 2017 | PASSED
The Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act

H.R. 2052 | May 24, 2017 | PASSED
The PRIVATE Act

H.R. 1973 | May 25, 2017 | PASSED
The Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act

H.R. 1761 | May 25, 2017 | PASSED
The Protection Against Child Exploitation Act

H.R. 2664 | July 12, 2017 | PASSED
Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act

Stronger Families

Families are at the center of every society. Strong families mean a strong country filled with happier people living more fulfilling lives. The House has acted to support American families by making much-needed updates to the foster care system. The goal of the foster care system should be to have children reunite with their biological parents, and when possible, not to separate them at all.

H.R. 2866 | June 20, 2017 | PASSED
Reducing Barriers for Relative Foster Parents Act

H.R. 2834 | June 20, 2017 | PASSED
Partnership Grants to Strengthen Families Affected by Parental Substance Abuse Act

H.R. 2857 | June 20, 2017 | PASSED
Supporting Families in Substance Abuse Treatment Act

H.R. 2847 | June 20, 2017 | PASSED
Improving Services for Older Youth in Foster Care Act

H.R. 2842 | June 23, 2017 | PASSED
Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act

Resilient Communities

The devastation caused by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and wildfires require an all-hands-on-deck approach from federal, state, and local governments. Congress has shown it is committed to providing the resources necessary to help these communities recover and rebuild. While Washington works best when it plays a supporting role to the front-line volunteers, we will keep our commitment to help people rebuild going forward.

H.R. 353 | April 28, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
Weather Research Forecasting Innovation Act

H.R. 460 | Jan 23, 2017 | PASSED
Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act

H.R. 655 | Jan 31, 2017 | PASSED
Securing the Cities Act

H.R. 2936 | Nov 1, 2017 | PASSED
Resilient Federal Forests Act

H.R. 2874 | Nov 14, 2017 | PASSED
21st Century Flood Reform Act

H.R. 38 | Dec 6, 2017 | PASSED
Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act

H.R. 4667 | Dec 21, 2017 | PASSED
Making further supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and calendar year 2017 wildfires, and for other purposes.

Immigration Enforcement

Our country welcomes immigrants—but immigrants must enter our country legally, follow our laws, and firmly desire to assimilate into our great American culture. Anything less is an insult to the American people.

Sanctuary cities have no right to receive federal funding. If those cities protect criminals at the expense of law-abiding Americans, they should not expect their fellow citizens to help them through the federal government.

Likewise, we need a wall on our southern border because walls don't change with a changing administration. That's why the House fully funded the President's request for a border wall.

Kate's Law (H.R.3004)

This bill increases penalties for convicted and deported criminals who reenter the United States illegally. Kate's Law tells criminals clearly that if you break our laws and ever return, justice will come for you and the penalty will be severe. *Passed House 257 - 167 with 24 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

House Cracks Down on Illegal Immigrants

- [REUTERS](#)

A Step Toward Justice and Public Safety

No Sanctuary for Criminals Act (H.R. 3003)

This legislation permits the federal government to strip sanctuary cities of federal funding if they refuse to cooperate with federal officials on immigration matters. Cities offering sanctuary for criminals will no longer be ignored, and criminals who threaten our citizens and reenter our country with no respect for our laws will be punished. *Passed House 228 - 195 with 3 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

Kate's Law and No-Sanctuary Immigration Bills Deserve to Become Law

- [NATIONAL REVIEW](#)

House Passes Bills to Crack Down on 'Sanctuary Cities' and Deported Criminals Who Return to U.S.

- [WASHINGTON POST](#)

H.R. 1628 | March 29, 2017 | PASSED
Provisions to Fully Fund the President's Request for a Border Wall

H.R. 3004 | June 29, 2017 | PASSED
Kate's Law

H.R. 3003 | June 29, 2017 | PASSED
No Sanctuary for Criminals Act

Protecting Those Who Serve

None of us could live our lives and pursue our dreams without the men and women who ensure the public health and safety of our towns, cities, and neighborhoods.

Police officers, firefighters, public safety personnel, and first responders are everyday heroes, and the House has made sure we honor and support these men and women and their efforts, especially when they give their lives to keep us safe.

Thin Blue Line Act (H.R. 115)

This bill imposes severe penalties for the murder or attempted murder of local law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders. Under current law, the death penalty can only be considered in cases involving the murder of federal law enforcement officers. But this bill expands considerations for the federal death penalty to include the killing of state and local law enforcement officers and first responders. *Passed House 271 - 143 with 48 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

House Votes to Boost Penalties Against Cop Killers - [WASHINGTON EXAMINER](#)

H.R. 1616 | May 16, 2017 | PASSED
Strengthening State and Local
Cyber Crime Fighting

H.R. 115 | May 18, 2017 | PASSED
Thin Blue Line Act

H.R. 1039 | May 19, 2017 | PASSED
Probation Officer Protection Act



National Security

A stronger, safer, and more respected United States of America requires American confidence and leadership. We are under threat on multiple fronts. Dangerous powers are rising, terrorists attack with increasing frequency, and a series of cyberattacks have revealed deep vulnerabilities.

Our past president led from behind, leaving our country less safe and our allies uncertain where we stand. For years, Americans feared we lived in a country in decline.

Last year's election put an end to that. President Trump is leading with a strong foreign policy, and the House is making big investments in our military. By restoring America's position of strength, our enemies will think twice before they cross us.

Resisting Aggression Abroad

Iran, Russia, and North Korea are destabilizing their regions and threatening the global order.

The Iran Nuclear deal struck by the Obama Administration would still allow them to acquire a nuclear weapon as soon as it expires. All the while, they continue to violate human rights, fund terrorism, and prop up the murderous regime in Syria. Russia's continued cyber attacks and North Korea's obsession with testing and ultimately obtaining a nuclear weapon both require strong American leadership.

The House has taken action to push back against these bad actors.

Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (H.R. 3364)

This expansive sanctions package targets North Korea's ballistic missile program, Iranian efforts to support terror and develop ballistic missiles, and Russian attempts to interfere with American elections and its continuing aggression against Ukraine. *Passed House 419 - 3 with 190 Democrats, signed into law by President Trump.*

National Defense Authorization (H.R. 2810)

Provides the resources, and pay our military needs to to confront the threats and challenges of the 21st century. This legislation provides \$699 billion for the military, including funds to modernize equipment and supply new aircraft, ships, and vehicles. The NDAA also gives our service members a 2.4 percent pay raise—the largest in eight years. *Passed House 344 - 81, with 117 Democrats, signed into law by President Trump.*

Defense Spending Bill Gets It Right on Nuclear and Missile Defense

- [HERITAGE FOUNDATION](#)

Otto Warmbier North Korea Sanctions Act (H.R. 3898)

Named after a U.S. student who died after he was imprisoned in North Korea, this bill strengthens and expands existing sanctions and strengthens Congress' oversight of North Korea sanctions. *Passed House 415 - 2, with 187 Democrats, awaiting Senate action.*

H.R. 2810 | July 14, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
National Defense Authorization Act

H.R. 3364 | Aug 2, 2017 | SIGNED INTO LAW
Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions

H.R. 1644 | May 4, 2017 | PASSED
Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions

H.R. 390 | June 6, 2017 | PASSED
Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief

H.R. 3898 | Oct 24, 2017 | PASSED
Otto Warmbier North Korean Sanctions Act

H.R. 1698 | Oct 26, 2017 | PASSED
Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act

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