Dear Madam Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget amendments for the Departments of Defense, Education, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Labor, State and Other International Programs, and Transportation, as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. These amendments are necessary to correctly reflect policies assumed in my FY 2020 Budget.

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In addition, in recent weeks, my Administration announced that it would restore funding for the Refueling and Complex Overhaul of the USS Truman aircraft carrier. However, no new amendments would be needed to effectuate this change.

The details of these amendments are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the
   House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
The President
The White House

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Recommendation

I have reviewed this request and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected departments and agencies in recommending you transmit the proposals to the Congress.

Sincerely,

Russell T. Vought
Acting Director

Enclosures
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE–MILITARY PROGRAMS
Bureau: MILITARY PERSONNEL
Heading: National Guard Personnel, Army
FY 2020 Appendix Page: 220

FY 2020 Pending Request: $8,808,305,000
Proposed Amendment: —
Revised Request: $8,808,305,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “$8,808,305,000” and substitute $8,808,305,000.)

This amendment would correct an inadvertent print error in proposed appropriations language for the National Guard Personnel, Army account. The appropriations language in the Budget Appendix contained an extra zero at the end. The corrected amount is consistent with amounts reflected in the program and financing schedules and data published in the President’s Budget and the Department of Defense budget justification submitted to the Congress.

The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “$360,225,000” and substitute $360,201,000.)

This amendment would revise an amount provided within the Office of the Inspector General account for operation and maintenance that was inadvertently overstated.

The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
For the “Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund”, $99,200,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022: Provided, That such funds shall be available to the Secretary of Defense, with the advice of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for the purpose of providing for Joint Urgent Operational Needs: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense may transfer such funds to appropriations for operation and maintenance; procurement; and research, development, test, and evaluation: Provided further, That funds so transferred shall be merged with the account to which transferred: Provided further, That upon a determination that all or part of the funds transferred from this appropriation are not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such funds may be transferred back to this appropriation: Provided further, That the transfer authority provided herein is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense.

This amendment would insert appropriations language for the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund account, which was inadvertently omitted from the FY 2020 Budget. This amendment would provide $99 million for the account, reflecting the policy assumed in the FY 2020 Budget. Accordingly, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, remove the closing bracket in deleted section 125 and insert a new closing bracket at the end of such section; remove the closing bracket in deleted section 126 and insert a new closing bracket at the end of such section; and remove the closing bracket in deleted section 132 and insert a new closing bracket at the end of such section.)

This amendment would relocate the closing brackets in deleted sections 125, 126, and 132, which were inadvertently misplaced in the language, in order to delete all remaining language in these sections.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, add the following new section after section 8055:)

SEC. 8056. Funds appropriated in titles I and IX of this Act under headings for “Military Personnel” may be used for expenses described therein for members of the Space Force on active duty (except members of the Space Force Reserve provided for elsewhere), and funds appropriated in such titles under headings for “Reserve Personnel” may be used for expenses described therein for personnel of the Space Force Reserve: Provided, That amounts appropriated under such headings may be used for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97–377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), and to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund.

This amendment would authorize the Department of Defense to fund military personnel costs of staff directly supporting the establishment of the Space Force from amounts appropriated for “Military Personnel” and “Reserve Personnel.” This authority was inadvertently excluded from the FY 2020 Budget.

The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, insert, of which up to $190,000,000 may be transferred to the Coast Guard “Operating Expenses” account after “$31,734,683,000”.)

This amendment would authorize the Department of Defense to transfer $190 million from the Navy, Operation and Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations) account to the Coast Guard Operating Expenses account. This authority was inadvertently excluded from the FY 2020 Budget. The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, add the following provisos after “security cooperation programs:”):

**Provided further.** That of the funds provided under this heading, not to exceed $250,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, shall be available to the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to provide assistance, including training; equipment; lethal assistance; logistics support, supplies and services; sustainment; and intelligence support to the military and national security forces of Ukraine, and for replacement of any weapons or articles provided to the Government of Ukraine from the inventory of the United States: **Provided further.** That the Secretary of Defense shall, not less than 15 days prior to obligating funds provided under this heading, notify the congressional defense committees in writing of the details of any such obligation: **Provided further.** That equipment procured using funds provided under this heading in this or prior Acts that was transferred to the security forces of Ukraine and returned by such forces to the United States: **Provided further.** That equipment procured using funds provided under this heading in this or prior Acts, and not yet transferred to the military or National Security Forces of Ukraine or returned by such forces to the United States, may be treated as stocks of the Department of Defense upon written notification to the congressional defense committees:

This amendment would shift authorization to spend up to $250 million for security assistance to the Government of Ukraine from an Overseas Contingency Operations general provision to the Overseas Contingency Operations Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide account. This change, which is consistent with prior Budgets, is needed in order to correctly reflect the policies in the FY 2020 Budget.

The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete section 9009 and redesignate subsequent sections accordingly.)

This amendment would shift authorization to spend up to $250 million for security assistance to the Government of Ukraine from an Overseas Contingency Operations general provision to the Overseas Contingency Operations Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide account. This change, which is consistent with prior Budgets, is needed in order to correctly reflect the policies in the FY 2020 Budget.

The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
In the appropriations language under the above heading, insert and the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004 after “For carrying out the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)” and delete “$13,451,145,000” and substitute $13,468,728,000.

This budget amendment would provide $18 million in funding for the Special Olympics program. Taken together with other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
This amendment would increase the cancellation of unobligated balances in the Pell Grant program for a total proposed cancellation of $3.9 billion. In recent years, enrollment of Pell recipients in higher education has declined continuously from 2011 to 2018 as the economy has improved, and funding provided previously has lasted longer than anticipated. With this cancellation of unobligated balances in fiscal year 2020 and the other proposed changes to the Pell Grant program in the FY 2020 Budget, the program is still expected to have sufficient discretionary funds until 2023.

Taken together with the other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, insert in addition to amounts appropriated to the FDA Innovation Account, for carrying out the activities described in section 1002(b)(4) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114–255); after “District of Columbia or elsewhere,”.)

This amendment would authorize the Food and Drug Administration to use funding appropriated in the Salaries and Expenses account for certain activities authorized in the 21st Century Cures Act, which was inadvertently excluded from the FY 2020 Budget.

The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities subheading, insert before the period the following new proviso:)

: Provided, That funds may be used to implement a reorganization that is presented to an advisory council in a public meeting and for which the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate have been notified 30 days in advance

Section 10334(b)(3) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires that reorganizations of minority health offices within the Department of Health and Human Services be approved by an Act of Congress. Consistent with this section, this amendment would authorize the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to implement its reorganization plan, following presentation of the plan to an advisory council and 30 days prior notice to the Committees on Appropriations, which was inadvertently excluded from the FY 2020 Budget.

The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, insert functions of the Departmental Appeals Board authorized in title XVIII of the Social Security Act, after “section 229 of the PHS Act,”.)

This amendment would authorize amounts appropriated to the General Departmental Management account to be available for the Departmental Appeals Board activities authorized in the Social Security Act, which was inadvertently excluded from the FY 2020 Budget. The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “$7,858,900,000” and substitute $7,872,395,000; and insert of which $13,495,000 for necessary expenses to carry out the environmental compliance and restoration functions of the Coast Guard under chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, to remain available until September 30, 3024; after “defense-related activities;”.)

This amendment would shift $13 million in funding requested for the U.S. Coast Guard’s Environmental Compliance and Restoration account in the FY 2020 Budget request to the Operations and Support account, consistent with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019. Taken together with other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(Under the above heading, delete the appropriations language in its entirety.)

This amendment would shift $13 million in funding requested for the U.S. Coast Guard’s Environmental Compliance and Restoration account in the FY 2020 Budget request to the Operations and Support account, consistent with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019. Taken together with other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Bureau: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Heading: Disaster Relief Fund
FY 2020 Appendix Page: 530

FY 2020 Pending Request: $19,897,684,000
Proposed Amendment: -$5,348,000,000
Revised Request: $14,549,684,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “$19,897,684,000” and substitute $14,549,684,000; and delete “$19,423,000,000” and substitute $14,075,000,000.)

This amendment would reduce the FY 2020 Budget request for the Disaster Relief Fund amounts designated as being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA) by $5.3 billion. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, provided $12 billion in funding for the Disaster Relief Fund. This amendment would account for these funds, which were not enacted in time to be reflected in the FY 2020 Budget, consistent with the provisions of section 251(b)(2)(D) of BBEDCA.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in subsection (a) of section 407, delete “dispose of or” and “on or”.)

This amendment would remove language authorizing Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to dispose of real property, which was inadvertently included in the FY 2020 Budget. The General Services Administration is authorized to dispose of real property. The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Bureau: DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT
Heading: HIRE Vets Medallion Award Fund

FY 2020 Pending Request:

Proposed Amendment: $3,000,000 (gross spending authority)
-$3,000,000 (offsetting receipts)
$0 (net budget authority)

Revised Request: $3,000,000 (gross spending authority)
-$3,000,000 (offsetting receipts)
$0 (net budget authority)

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, insert the following new language:)

Fees may be assessed and deposited in the HIRE Vets Medallion Award Fund pursuant to section 5(b) of the HIRE Vets Act, and such amounts shall be available to the Secretary to carry out the HIRE Vets Medallion Award Program, as authorized by such Act, and shall remain available until expended: Provided, That section 2(d) of division Q of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31; 38 U.S.C. 4100 note) shall not apply.

This amendment would authorize the Secretary of Labor to collect fees from applications to the HIRE Vets Medallion Program and to spend the fees on the operation of the Medallion program, which was inadvertently excluded from the FY 2020 Budget.

The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete section 7057 in its entirety and redesignate subsequent sections accordingly.)

This amendment would delete section 7057 which was inadvertently included in the FY 2020 Budget. The authorities provided in this section were enacted in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 and the section is therefore not needed.
This amendment would correctly identify the Public Law that appropriated amounts proposed to be cancelled in the "Highway Beautification" account. The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: CORPS OF Engineers--CIVIL WORKS

Heading: Construction

FY 2020 Appendix Page: 1011

FY 2020 Pending Request: $1,170,200,000
Proposed Amendment: $136,745,000
Revised Request: $1,306,945,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “$1,170,200,000” and substitute $1,306,945,000.)

This amendment would increase the amounts available within the Corps of Engineer’s Construction account for the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration program by an additional $137 million. This amendment is necessary to advance the Administration’s goal of increasing ecosystem restoration efforts in the Florida Everglades. Taken together with other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "of which such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal share of eligible operation and maintenance costs for inland harbors shall be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund").

This amendment would delete language which was inadvertently included in the FY 2020 Budget. The FY 2020 Budget proposes to appropriate definite amounts to two Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) accounts, the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, instead of appropriating unspecified amounts in the three accounts where funds are executed—Construction, Operation and Maintenance, and Mississippi River and Tributaries. These reforms would facilitate oversight and help ensure that the Corps utilizes the funding in a manner consistent with statutory requirements. Language included in the FY 2020 Budget for the Construction and Operation and Maintenance accounts correctly implemented this policy proposal. This amendment would make the same conforming change to the Mississippi River and Tributaries account.

The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
This amendment would provide an additional $270 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The additional funds would restore funding for this program to the FY 2019 enacted level and continue support for projects to protect and restore the Great Lakes. Taken together with other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.

1 Pending Request and Revised Request levels do not include amounts proposed for cancellation included in the Administrative Provisions—Environmental Protection Agency.
Of the unobligated balances available for the “Inland Oil Spill Programs” account, $1,875,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Of the unobligated balances available for the “Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program” account, $1,923,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Of the unobligated balances available for the “Buildings and Facilities” account, $3,403,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

This amendment would increase amounts proposed for cancellation in the following four accounts of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): State and Tribal Assistance Grants; Environmental Programs and Management; Hazardous Substance Superfund; and Science and Technology. This amendment would also propose for cancellation amounts in three additional EPA accounts: Inland Oil Spill Programs; Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program; and Buildings and Facilities, for a total additional proposed reduction of $150 million. Taken together with other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
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(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “$6,303,700,000” and substitute $6,393,700,000.)

This amendment would provide an additional $90 million to the Science account for the purchase of commercial services to deliver a rover to the Moon. The additional funds would allow the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to send a robotic mission to explore the Moon’s polar regions in advance of a human mission. Taken together with other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
This amendment would provide an additional $132 million to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Exploration Technology account. This includes funding for technology development needed to enable the Administration's goal of returning U.S. astronauts to the surface of the Moon and associated lunar surface activities as well as to meet the Small Business Innovation Research statutory requirement. Taken together with other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
This amendment would provide an additional $1.4 billion to the Deep Space Exploration Systems account to achieve the Administration's goal of returning U.S. astronauts to the surface of the Moon by 2024. In particular, this funding supports the Advanced Cislunar and Surface Capabilities program to accelerate the development of human-rated lunar lander systems and the Exploration Systems Development theme to preserve the flight schedule for the Space Launch System rocket and Orion capsule. These increases would be partially offset by savings from the deferral of some elements of the Lunar Gateway. Taken together with other proposals in this transmittal, the FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, add the following new paragraph at the end:)

Upon the determination of the Administrator that such action is necessary in support of establishment of a United States strategic presence on the Moon, the Administrator may, in this and subsequent fiscal years, transfer funds among appropriations available to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, including funds appropriated in prior Acts, to be available for the same purposes as the appropriation to which transferred; Provided, That no funds may be transferred from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

This amendment would authorize the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Administrator to transfer funds between appropriations accounts in the event that the Administrator determines that the transfers are necessary in support of establishment of a U.S. strategic presence on the Moon. The language authorizes transfers in this fiscal year and in subsequent fiscal years, including for funds appropriated in prior Acts. The FY 2020 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.