Dear Mr. Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Education, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation as well as the Environmental Protection Agency and for International Assistance Programs. These amendments would not change the base discretionary budget authority requested in my FY 2024 Budget.

Also included is an amendment providing increased amounts for the National Science Foundation (NSF) STEM Education account. This increase is fully offset from amounts provided from within NSF and the Department of Agriculture. Also included for consideration are amendments shifting amounts provided from within the Department of Defense for higher priority programs.

This transmittal also contains FY 2024 Budget amendments for the Legislative Branch. As a matter of comity and tradition, these appropriations requests for the Legislative Branch are transmitted without change. These amendments would decrease by $17 million the overall discretionary budget authority in my FY 2024 Budget.

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

Sincerely,

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Speaker of the  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515
May 8, 2023

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

Submitted for your consideration are amendments to your fiscal year (FY) 2024 Budget for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Education, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency and for International Assistance Programs. These amendments would not change the base discretionary budget authority requested in your FY 2024 Budget. These amendments are necessary to reflect correctly policies assumed in your FY 2024 Budget.

In addition, provided for your consideration is an amendment providing increased amounts for the National Science Foundation (NSF) STEM Education account. This increase is fully offset from amounts provided from within NSF and the Department of Agriculture. Also included for your consideration are amendments shifting amounts provided from within the Department of Defense for higher priority programs.

This transmittal also includes seven FY 2024 Budget amendments for the Legislative Branch. As a matter of comity and tradition, these appropriations requests for the Legislative Branch are transmitted without change. These amendments would decrease by $17 million the overall discretionary budget authority in your FY 2024 Budget.

This transmittal also includes a technical correction to the calculation of the FY 2024 disaster relief allocation which will increase that non-base allocation by $150 million.

Recommendation

I reviewed these amendments and am satisfied that they are 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,

Shalanda D. Young

Enclosures
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau: ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE
Heading: Economic Research Service
FY 2024 Appendix Page: 70
FY 2024 Pending Request: —
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “Agricultural Research Service” and substitute Economic Research Service.)

This amendment would correct, due to an inadvertent error, the bureau that would administer the Experienced Services Program with funds from the Economic Research Service account. The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “Agricultural Research Service” and substitute National Agricultural Statistics Service.)

This amendment would correct, due to an inadvertent error, the bureau that would administer the Experienced Services Program with funds from the National Agricultural Statistics Service account. The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau: NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
Heading: Conservation Operations
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FY 2024
Pending Request: $1,022,566,000

Proposed Amendment: -$14,300,000

Revised Request: $1,008,266,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$1,022,566,000" and substitute $1,008,266,000.)

This amendment would decrease the request for the Conservation Operations account within the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) by $14 million. Taken together with other USDA amendments and the National Science Foundation amendments, the FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Bureau: RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

Heading: Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program

FY 2024 Pending Request: $400,000,000

Proposed Amendment: -$25,700,000

Revised Request: $374,300,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in the third paragraph, delete "$400,000,000" and substitute $374,300,000.)

This amendment would decrease the request for the Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program account within the Rural Utilities Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) by $26 million. Taken together with other USDA amendments and the National Science Foundation amendments, the FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
In the appropriations language under the above heading, in section 713, delete "$1,472,339,000" and substitute "$1,573,666,000".

This amendment would correct the limitation of funds available to carry out the Department of Agriculture’s Section 32 program, which aids producers of agricultural commodities during times of surplus and price instability. The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$6,056,975,000" and substitute $6,156,975,000.)

This amendment would increase by $100 million for the Procurement, Defense-Wide account, within the Department of Defense. This funding would support the Accelerate Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies program.

Taken with the request to reduce the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide account, the total budget authority proposed in the FY 2024 Budget remains unchanged as a result of this amendment.
FY 2024
Pending Request: $36,185,834,000
Proposed Amendment: -$100,000,000
Revised Request: $36,085,834,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$36,185,834,000" and substitute $36,085,834,000.)

This amendment would decrease by $100 million the amount for the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide account to $36.1 billion. This amendment is necessary to reduce budget authority for microelectronics programs by $100 million in order to fund a higher Department priority.

Taken with the request to increase the Procurement, Defense-Wide account, the total budget authority proposed in the FY 2024 Budget remains unchanged as a result of this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in Section 8006, strike "and" just before "Naval Strike Missile (NSM)" and add ; Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS); and Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC)-3 Missile Segment Enhancement (MSE) just before the concluding period.)

This amendment includes language that would provide for the Title VIII--General Provisions within the Department of Defense the authority to use funds appropriated under this Act for multiyear procurement contracts for the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) and Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC)-3 Missile Segment Enhancement (MSE).

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Bureau: OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Heading: School Improvement Programs

FY 2024 Pending Request: $5,891,278,000

Proposed Amendment: -$1,000,000

Revised Request: $5,890,278,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$5,891,278,000" and substitute $5,890,278,000.)

This amendment would correct the request level for the Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, School Improvement Programs which was inadvertently overstated by $1,000,000.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would decrease by $1 million as the result of this amendment.
FY 2024 Pending Request: $2,447,436,000

Proposed Amendment: $464,000

Revised Request: $2,447,900,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$2,447,436,000" and substitute $2,447,900,000, and delete "$1,656,436,000" and substitute $1,656,900,000.)

This amendment would correct the request level for the Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, which was inadvertently understated by $464,000.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would increase by $1 million as the result of this amendment.
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Bureau: OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Heading: Higher Education

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FY 2024 Pending Request: $3,986,411,000

Proposed Amendment: $210,000

Revised Request: $3,986,621,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$3,986,411,000" and substitute $3,986,621,000.)

This amendment would correct the request level for the Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, which was inadvertently understated by $210,000.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would increase by $1 million as the result of this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$5,230,000" and substitute $9,000,000.)

This amendment would increase the amount of two-year funding available in the Operations and Support account, within the Department of Homeland Security to $9 million.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Bureau: U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT
Heading: Procurement, Construction, and Improvements
FY 2024
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FY 2024
Pending Request: —
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the heading above, delete "to" and substitute of which $35,420,000 shall and insert , and of which $15,100,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2028 immediately after "2026".)

This amendment includes language for the Procurement, Construction, Improvements account, within the Department of Homeland Security. This language would amend the period of availability for funds within the account of which $35,420,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026, and of which $15,100,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2028.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau: UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Heading: Operations and Support

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FY 2024 Pending Request: $10,199,488,000

Proposed Amendment: $24,500,000

Revised Request: $10,223,988,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$10,199,488,000" and substitute $10,223,988,000.)

This amendment would provide a total of $10.2 billion for Operations and Support, within the Department of Homeland Security. This amendment corrects the gross appropriation amount for the account to include the funding from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency:         DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau:        UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Heading:       Procurement, Construction, and Improvements

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FY 2024
Pending Request:  $1,530,000,000

Proposed Amendment:  $20,000,000

Revised Request:  $1,550,000,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$1,530,000,000" and substitute
$1,550,000,000.)

This amendment would provide a total of $1.6 billion for Procurement, Construction, and
Improvements, with the Department of Homeland Security. This amendment corrects the gross
appropriation amount for the account to include the funding from the Oil Spill Liability Trust
Fund.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
This amendment would decrease mandatory appropriations by $981 million for the Retired Pay account, within the Department of Homeland Security. The FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act shifted the Coast Guard’s retiree benefits plan into the Department of Defense’s Military Retirement Fund, effective at the beginning of FY 2023. The Coast Guard’s participation in the Military Retirement Fund is similar to the Service’s current participation in the Department of Defense’s Medicare-Eligible Retiree Healthcare Fund. This change in funding requirements was inadvertently not reflected in the Budget totals.
This amendment would provide $20.4 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund, within the Department of Homeland Security. This amendment includes the corrected estimate of the funding ceiling for Major Disasters for 2024 that is described in the Budget Process chapter of the Analytical Perspectives volume of the Budget, as well as $145 million for the Disaster Base. OMB has determined that the portion of the disaster formula that applies five percent of funds designated as emergency requirements since 2012 that are for major disaster activities under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act should have included an additional appropriation of $3 billion that was provided in division N of the Public Law 117-328. This adjustment results in a funding ceiling for 2024 that is $150 million higher than the estimate that was included in the Budget and this amendment aligns the 2024 Budget request for disaster relief appropriations with that updated ceiling.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would increase by $150 million due to this amendment, but this correction does not affect total base discretionary budget authority in the FY 2024 budget.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in paragraph (1), insert the following new proviso immediately after "Provided further, That the Secretary may utilize unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from prior year appropriations (excluding special purpose vouchers), notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated, to avoid or reduce the proration of renewal funding allocations:";)

Provided further, That amounts repurposed pursuant to the preceding proviso that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the concurrent resolution on the budget:

This amendment would maintain the designation as an emergency requirement of amounts previously appropriated for this program when they are repurposed by the preceding proviso.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
In the appropriations language under the above heading, in subsection (c) of section 7025, delete paragraph (8) and renumber the remaining paragraph accordingly.)

This amendment would delete duplicative authority that was inadvertently requested as appropriations language in the FY 2024 Budget for extension and expansion of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa program. The amendment would strike the unnecessary subsection from section 7025 of the General Provisions since the FY 2024 Budget requests expanded authority through a legislative proposal.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by the amendment.
AMAZON FUND

Sec. 7083. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts available under the heading "Contribution to the Green Climate Fund" in this Act may be made available for a contribution to the Amazon Fund.

This amendment includes language that authorizes the Contributions to the Green Climate Fund account, within the International Assistance Programs, to contribute to the Amazon Fund using FY 2024 funds requested by the Department of the Treasury.

This amendment does not increase the total budget authority proposed in the FY 2024 Budget.
In the appropriations language under the above heading, in the language preceding the first paragraph in section 165, delete everything after the first Bodoni dash through the quotation mark at the end.)

This amendment would remove duplicative language for the Administrative Provisions-Federal Transit Administration account within the Department of Transportation.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in section 404, delete "titles I or III of" each place it appears.)

This amendment to the General Provisions for the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act would remove language that makes such section 404 inapplicable to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, insert the following new paragraph immediately after the fourth paragraph:)

The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to collect and obligate fees in accordance with section 26(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (5 U.S.C. 2625(b)) for fiscal year 2024, to remain available until expended.

This amendment would insert language that was inadvertently excluded from the FY 2024 Budget, authorizing the collection and obligation of fees under the Toxic Substances Control Act by the Environmental Protection Agency. The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
| Agency: | NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION |
| Heading: | Research and Related Activities |
| FY 2024 | |
| Pending Request: | $9,029,900,000 |
| Proposed Amendment: | -$12,000,000 |
| Revised Request: | $9,017,900,000 |

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$9,029,900,000" and substitute $9,017,900,000.)

This amendment would decrease the request for the Research and Related Activities account within the National Science Foundation (NSF) by $12 million. Taken together with the other NSF amendment and the U.S. Department of Agriculture amendments, the FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Heading: STEM Education

FY 2024 Pending Request: $1,444,180,000

Proposed Amendment: $52,000,000

Revised Request: $1,496,180,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$1,444,180,000" and substitute $1,496,180,000.)

This amendment would increase the request for the STEM Education account within the National Science Foundation (NSF) by $52 million. Taken together with the other NSF amendment and the U.S. Department of Agriculture amendments, the FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: SENATE
Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees

FY 2024 Pending Request: $283,610,200
Proposed Amendment: $368,000
Revised Request: $283,978,200

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$283,610,200" and substitute $283,978,200; in the appropriations language under the above heading, under the subheading "Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper", delete "$120,571,000" and substitute $120,834,000; and in the appropriations language under the above heading, under the subheading "Agency Contributions and Related Expenses", delete "$85,897,100" and substitute $86,002,100.)

The total budget authority proposed in the 2024 Budget would increase by $368,000 as a result of this amendment.
(Change the above heading to a subheading; and move the subheading and material and insert under the heading "Contingent Expenses of the Senate" and immediately after the material for "Inquiries and Investigations".)

This request would move the subheading and associated language for the Sergeant at Arms Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Fund account to under the Contingent Expenses of the Senate heading due to an inadvertent printing error. The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "2027" and substitute 2028.)

The FY 2024 net budget authority totals would not be affected by this amendment.
Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: SENATE
Heading: Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate

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FY 2024
Pending Request: $200,954,000

Proposed Amendment: -$6,870,000

Revised Request: $194,084,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$200,954,000" and substitute $194,084,000; delete “192,084,000” and substitute $184,584,000; and delete “$1,870,000” and substitute $2,500,000.)

The total budget authority proposed in the 2024 Budget would decrease by $6,870,000 as a result of this amendment.
Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Bureau: SENATE

Heading: Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account

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FY 2024
Pending Request: $561,169,000

Proposed Amendment: -$11,169,000

Revised Request: $550,000,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “$561,169,000" and substitute $550,000,000.)

The total budget authority proposed in the 2024 Budget would decrease by $11,169,000 as a result of this amendment.
Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: JOINT ITEMS
Heading: Joint Economic Committee
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FY 2024 Pending Request: $4,498,000
Proposed Amendment: -$215,000
Revised Request: $4,283,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “$4,498,000” and substitute $4,283,000.)

The total budget authority proposed in the 2024 Budget would decrease by $215,000 as a result of this amendment.
Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Heading: Congressional Office for International Leadership Fund

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FY 2024
Pending Request: $6,000,000
Proposed Amendment: $1,200,000
Revised Request: $7,200,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$6,000,000" and substitute $7,200,000.)

The total budget authority proposed in the FY 2024 Budget would increase by $1.2 million as a result of this amendment.