



TO: House and Senate Republicans
FROM: Jon Schweppe, American Principles Project
DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2024
SUBJECT: Protecting American Families Through the Appropriations Process

To Vice Chair Collins, Chair Granger, Republican Leadership, and Republican Senators and Members of Congress:

We would like to commend the GOP on its valiant effort to promote pro-family policies in the individual appropriation bills, particularly in the Republican-led House of Representatives.

Across twelve individual bills, the House managed to pass dozens of riders (including many that passed out of the chamber) that would protect families and fight for the American way of life. Some of our priorities included:

- Banning federal funding for DEI and CRT programs
- Defunding “gender transition” and “sex change” procedures
- Getting the government out of the abortion business by defunding DOD abortion travel and VA abortions
- Removing special funding for the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Latino, which is set to promote a woke-washed version of history, teaching young Americans to hate their country
- Blocking funding for “drag queen” performances for military children
- Preventing the armed services from marketing “drag queen” ambassadors

We understand that it’s possible that not all of these riders will make it out of conference negotiations due to our present political reality, especially with the added pressure of ending CRs, threats of government shutdown, and the upcoming election year fight.

That being said, we at American Principles Project urge you to remain steadfast in negotiations. These issues are dear to the American people and deserve a prominent spotlight in this fight. While we may not maintain some of these substantial wins in the final votes this time around, we believe it is important to push them through to a vote nonetheless, putting Members on record to show the American people that Republicans are doing their utmost to fight for American values.

Let me be clear: it can **never** become an inevitability that taxpayers fund abortion, sex changes, and racial discrimination. That would be an unacceptable outcome that the American people will not stand for. A loss in the present negotiations would be a disappointment. But giving up on the fight would be unforgivable.

Thankfully, the last year has given us tremendous hope that the Republican Party understands the importance of this fight. We encourage you to continue to do everything within your power to ensure that families are defended in these and all future appropriations bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Schweppe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jon" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Schweppe".

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