

U.S. Rep. Moore: Statement on 2018 Omnibus

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To Whom It May Concern – Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI-04) released the following statement after the passage of the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018 in the U.S. House of Representatives:

“After two government shutdowns, last minute scrambling, and total disregard for regular order, Republicans have jammed through a \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill that is months overdue. In the face of President Trump’s irresponsible budget proposal, Democrats stood strong, demanding the inclusion of essential provisions to support American families. These efforts secured critical funding for infrastructure, health care, education, lead poisoning prevention, foreign election interference, and the opioid epidemic. While these inclusions are no small feat, this bill represents a missed opportunity to address critical priorities, such as the ACA and DACA, while allocating tens of billions in additional funding for defense that the Pentagon will struggle to spend wisely in the coming months.

“With legislative options for addressing these critical issues rapidly dwindling, today, I followed through on my word and voted NO. I cannot, in good conscience, vote for a bill that fails to respond to GOP attempts to sabotage the Affordable Care Act, threatening millions of Americans whose health and wellbeing depends on quality and affordable health coverage. Nor, can I vote for a bill that forsakes young DREAMers, forcing them to live in fear of deportation. I have pledged to strengthen and protect the Affordable Care Act, and I have committed to never abandon DREAMers in their fight. These are promises I am not willing to break.

“All in all, this bill marks yet another failure of Republican integrity. While Democrats have fought tirelessly to remove hundreds of poison-pill provisions, Republicans have waffled, broken promises, and left low and middle-income families

behind. You can bet Republican leadership's inability to follow through on their word will not go unnoticed. It's high time Republicans learn from their mistakes and stand up for all Americans."