

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Statement on omnibus spending package

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WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02) today released the following statement regarding the \$1.3 trillion spending bill that the House of Representatives voted on today.

“Speaker Ryan and House Republicans have continued their record of pathetic governing with their latest efforts to fund the federal government. Releasing the text of a 2,232 page bill that spends \$1.3 trillion at 8:00 PM last night and calling for a vote just 16 hours later is not how this process should work. Unfortunately, we won’t know until much later what is actually in this bill, as not a single Member of Congress has read it. Further, the bill drastically increases military funding and does not include a solution to the President’s decision to end the DACA program.

“Though the process to bring this bill to the floor was chaotic – a signature characteristic of the Trump Administration – on the plus side, President Trump was in fact the biggest loser. From denying his request for border wall funding and refusing to defund sanctuary cities, to reducing the number of detention beds for undocumented immigrants, many of President Trump’s signature campaign promises were left out of this bill. Further, the Trump Administration’s budget request was largely rejected, meaning that some proposed cuts to critical programs will not occur, and Trump-DeVos priorities such as new dollars for school choice programs will go unfunded. Today, the President lost the most.”