

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Applauds passage of appropriations bills containing millions for Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, **U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02)** voted in favor of nine appropriations bills totaling more than \$800 billion in federal funding.

*"Today's funding bills will improve the lives of millions of Americans," **Congressman Pocan said.** "I was proud to help draft these once-in-a-generation spending bills through my seat on the Appropriations Committee, and I am grateful that so many federal resources will be flowing to Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District as a result. These bills contain much needed aid and support, and I will continue to fight to make sure every Wisconsin family gets their fair share."*

Selected provisions directly impacting Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District that were included in legislation passed today by the U.S. House of Representatives are highlighted below. These provisions now head to the Senate for passage before going to the President's desk to be signed into law.

- **\$4 million** toward a new **plant breeding facility at the University of Wisconsin-Madison**. The existing World War II-era building, which is shared by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture researchers, is outdated and in severe need of replacement.
- **\$2 million** for a **Men's Homeless Shelter in Madison**.
- **\$1 million** toward the construction of the **Center for Black Excellence &**

Culture in Madison.

- **\$500,000** for a new **Boys & Girls Club in Beloit.**
- **\$220,000** for renovating a decommissioned elementary school into a **community center in Reedsburg.**
- **\$200,000** for a **Centro Hispano of Dane County facility expansion** allowing it to provide additional programming and classes such as workforce and career development, family support services, and immigration support.
- **\$200,000** for the **Green County Aging and Disability Resource Center** to create a mobile health outreach unit and hire staff for the new unit.
- **\$15 million** for an **NIH Center on Exposome Studies in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias**, research in which *UW-Madison* is a world leader.
- **\$4 million increase** for the **Social Security Administration's Retirement and Disability Research Consortium** which will result in a \$1 million increase in research at *UW-Madison*.
- **Full federal funding** for the **National Poverty Research Center** at *UW-Madison*.
- **\$12.7 million** for the **Rural Health Residency Program** which will support expanded efforts to provide obstetrics and gynecology residencies, a specialty of *UW-Madison*.
- **\$5 million** for a national program that will connect university researchers and students with localities in need of technical support and advice based on the model created by Madison's own **Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities (EPIC-N).**
- **\$100 million** for **Bioenergy and Environmental Research Centers** led by universities across the U.S., including the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center led by *UW-Madison*.
- **\$7.32 billion** for the **Department of Energy's Office of Science**, a \$270 million increase that will directly benefit *UW-Madison*, the second largest university recipient of this funding.
- **\$173,507** for the **Wisconsin Small Business Development Center** located at *UW-Madison*.
- **\$1 million increase** for a competitive grant program that will benefit **corn genetics research** at *UW-Madison*.
- **\$500,000** for **genetic hemp research** that *UW-Madison* researchers will

pursue.

- Direction for FDA to pursue **accurate labeling of non-dairy products** such as almond and soy milk to avoid confusion with traditional dairy products.

More broadly, the bills passed today by the House of Representatives included once-in-a-generation increases for federal agencies and programs, including – but not limited to – the following:

- **\$119.8 billion** for the **Dept. of Health and Human Services** (*\$22.9 billion increase*)
- **\$49 billion** for the **National Institutes of Health** (*\$6.5 billion increase*)
- **\$10.6 billion** for the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (*\$2.7 billion increase*)
- **\$7 billion** for the **National Cancer Institute** (*\$432 million increase*)
- **\$3.4 billion** for **Alzheimer's disease and related dementias research** (*\$200 million increase*)
- **\$3.3 billion** for **HIV/AIDS research** (*\$200 million increase*)
- **\$14.7 billion** for the **Dept. of Labor** (*\$2.2 billion increase*)
- **\$2.1 billion** for **Worker Protection Agencies** (*\$305 million increase*)
- **\$102.8 billion** for the **U.S. Dept. of Education** (*\$102.8 billion increase*)
- **\$27.2 billion** for **Federal Student Aid Programs** for higher education (*\$2.64 billion increase*)
- **\$17.2 billion** for **Special Education** programs (*\$3.1 billion increase*)
- **\$2.2 billion** for **Career, Technical, and Adult Education** (*\$208 million increase*)
- **\$113.1 billion** for the **Dept. of Veterans Affairs** (*\$8.7 billion increase*)
- **\$105.7 billion** for the **Dept. of Transportation** (*\$19 billion increase*)
- **\$56.5 billion** for the **Dept. of Housing and Urban Development** (*\$6.8 billion increase*)
- **\$11.34 billion** for the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** (*\$2.11 billion increase*)
- **\$61.8 million** for **research on and regulation of PFAS** (*\$12.8 million increase*)
- **\$26.9 billion** for **Child Nutrition Programs** (*\$257 million increase*)
- **\$3.5 billion** for the **National Park Service** (*\$324 million increase*)
- **\$1.9 billion** for the **Fish and Wildlife Service** (*\$301 million increase*)
- **\$3.77 billion** for the **Dept. of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy** (*\$906 million increase*)

- **\$375 million** for **Weatherization Assistance Program** to help low-income homeowners weatherize their homes (*\$65 million increase*)
- **\$1 billion** for the **Small Business Administration** (*\$111.9 million increase*)
- **\$907 million** for **Rural Broadband Expansion** (*\$165 million increase*)
- **\$430 million** for the **Peace Corps** (*\$20 million increase*)
- **\$80 million** in new funding dedicated to **nuclear nonproliferation** activities.

Congressman Pocan is a proud member of the House Appropriations Committee which writes all federal spending legislation covering every federal agency and activity. Two weeks ago, the Appropriations Committee drafted and approved each of the spending bills passed by the full House of Representatives today. The measures sent to the Senate for its consideration are: 1) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education; 2) Agriculture and Rural Development; 3) Energy and Water Development; 4) Financial Services and General Government; 5) Interior and Environment; 6) Military Construction and Veterans Affairs; 7) Transportation & Housing and Urban Development; 8) State and Foreign Operations; and 9) Legislative Branch.