



**Congresswoman Betty McCollum**  
United States House of Representatives  
Representing Minnesota's Fourth District

## FACT SHEET

### **Fiscal Year 2017 Omnibus: Interior-Environment Appropriations**

This week, Congress will vote on a \$1.07 trillion omnibus spending bill to fund the government through September 30, 2017. The bill provides \$32.28 billion for functions under the Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee.

“As lead Democrat on the Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, my colleagues and I led the fight for our Democratic priorities in this critical bill. Because we stood strong for our values, this bill protects our environment, keeps our commitments to Native Americans, and safeguards our natural and cultural heritage,” Congresswoman Betty McCollum (DFL-Minn.) said. “Providing adequate funding for our priorities and removing Republican provisions that would have eroded environmental protections is a win for Minnesotans, Americans, and the values that we all share.”

#### ***Protecting Our Environment***

- The FY2017 omnibus bill provides \$8.058 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, protecting the agency’s workforce from cuts and limiting the overall budget cut to just 1 percent.
- The bill includes \$2.257 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, both of which help communities keep our water clean.
- The bill provides \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which is helping with vital investments that protect the largest surface freshwater system in the world.
- The bill increases funding to \$8.4 million for the Fish and Wildlife Service to control the spread of invasive Asian carp in American waterways like our Great Lakes.
- Dozens of harmful policy provisions pushed by House Republicans were removed, including those that would have delisted endangered species, rescinded environmental protections, and chipped away at our public lands.

#### ***Keeping Our Commitments to Native Americans***

- The FY2017 omnibus bill provides \$2.860 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, an increase of \$64 million from the FY2016 level primarily focused on education, social services, and law enforcement.
- The bill includes \$5.040 billion for the Indian Health Service, \$232 million more than in FY2016, to help meet critical health care needs throughout Indian Country.
- The bill provides \$48 million for the Indian Health Services Urban Indian Health program, an increase of \$3 million for vital health services in urban communities across the United States.
- The bill includes \$10 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices in order to assist tribes in preserving their sacred and historic places and artifacts.

#### ***Safeguarding Our Natural and Cultural Heritage***

- The FY2017 omnibus bill includes \$2.932 billion for the National Park Service, an increase of \$81 million from FY2016.
- The bill provides \$150 million for the National Endowments for the Arts and \$150 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, vital cultural organizations that President Trump has proposed eliminating.
- For the first time since 2010, this bill includes \$5 million for Save America’s Treasures, a top priority for Congresswoman McCollum which preserves historic buildings, collections, documents and works of art critical to the cultural identity and character of the American people. In addition, the bill provides \$13 million for grants to preserve African American civil rights movement sites and \$4 million in grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities to preserve sites and stories of the civil rights movement.

*Congresswoman Betty McCollum (DFL-Minn.) serves as Ranking Member of the House Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee. Congresswoman McCollum represents Minnesota’s Fourth District in the United States House of Representatives.*