WOMEN for AMERICA

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Dear Senators,

As CEO and President of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC), I am writing on behalf of our hundreds of thousands of members and supporters across America who oppose some provisions of H.R. 2670, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024, to urge you to vote against it.

Earlier this year, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bipartisan NDAA that would have ensured the Department of Defense focused on its purposes: military readiness and defense. Unfortunately, the Biden Administration has utilized America's military as a vehicle to push its progressive social policies in contravention of longstanding federal policies. The House NDAA addressed this by including crucial provisions to defund the Biden Administration's unlawful DoD abortion policy, prohibit tax dollars from going towards so-called gender transition surgeries, and other non-defense-oriented social goals.

Not only were these crucial provisions stripped from the NDAA text in conference, but the manner in which the final report came about is also objectionable. Not all conferees were able to participate to make the concerns of millions of conservatives heard. They were boxed out of crucial NDAA discussions that included a four-month extension of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) without any consideration for the egregious violations we have seen in recent years. Such actions are unacceptable for a bill of such impact as the NDAA. FISA is not even germane to NDAA, and thus should have never been included.

Due not only to our opposition of critical amendments being stripped from the text, like the Roy-Jackson Amendment, that would have defunded the Biden Administration's unlawful abortion policy, but also because of the lack of adherence to the very purpose of the Conference process, CWALAC will score against the NDAA's final passage and will include the vote in our legislative scorecard.

Sincerely,

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