

At the end of the bill, before the short title, add the following:

Sec. _. Discretionary Presidential Authority

(a) **Authorization to Withhold Funds.** – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall have the authority to obligate and expend amounts appropriated under this Act at a level lower than the amounts specified, provided that such reductions are made for the purpose of withholding funds from federal programs, grants, contracts, or initiatives that the President determines to be—

1. **Duplicative** – Programs that substantially replicate the objectives, operations, or funding allocations of other existing federal programs.
2. **Wasteful** – Programs that demonstrate inefficient use of taxpayer funds, including excessive administrative costs, lack of measurable outcomes, or failure to achieve statutory objectives.
3. **Contrary to National Interests** – Programs that promote divisive or ideological initiatives, including but not limited to—
 - (A) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives;
 - (B) Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) policies that impose non-financial considerations in federal contracting, grants, or regulatory actions.

(b) **Reporting Requirement.** – The President shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, within 30 days of withholding any funds under this section, a report detailing—

1. The specific programs, accounts, or funding allocations affected;
2. The justification for each withholding decision; and
3. The estimated fiscal impact of such actions.

(c) **Effect on Budgetary Allocations.** – Any funds withheld under this section shall be exclusively directed toward reducing the national debt. The Secretary of the Treasury shall apply any such savings to the repayment of outstanding federal obligations and shall report quarterly to Congress on the amount of debt reduction achieved under this provision.