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Administration Finally Releases List of More than 150 Programs That President Bush Will Eliminate or Cut in 2006

Dear Democratic Colleague:

President Bush has finally made public the lengthy list of discretionary programs that his fiscal year 2006 budget will eliminate outright or reduce in funding. On the list are 99 discretionary programs – currently funded at \$8.8 billion – that he will eliminate, and another 55 programs that he will cut next year by a total of \$6.5 billion. In addition to these 99 eliminated programs, there are 18 community and economic development programs that the President consolidates into one block grant in the Department of Commerce – and then cuts by \$1.6 billion. The President also includes proposed “reforms” of other discretionary and mandatory programs that will cut additional billions in the 2006 budget.

The President touted these cuts in his State of the Union address on February 2, but did not include any listing in his February 7 budget. After Democratic and Republican Members of Congress asked for a compilation of the terminated programs, the Administration provided this information late on Friday, February 11.

Almost half of the eliminated programs are in the Department of Education, which loses 48 programs that receive \$4.3 billion this year; these eliminated programs comprise 7.5 percent of all current education funding. The eliminations include wiping out \$1.3 billion for all vocational education programs, \$522 million for all education technology programs, and the \$437 million state grant program for safe and drug-free schools and communities. The President’s budget eliminates nine Department of Justice programs funded at \$1.5 billion. The eliminations include 14 programs at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that receive \$970 million this year; however, a separate document provided by HHS tabulated a total of 33 terminated programs that receive \$2.0 billion.

Attached to this letter is the official list of 154 discretionary programs that the President eliminates or reduces. For more information about the President’s 2006 budget, please see the House Budget Committee Democratic staff’s analysis at: www.house.gov/budget_democrats.

Sincerely,

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Summary of Discretionary Terminations in the FY 2006 Budget
(Budget authority in millions)

Terminations	Has the termination been proposed before?			2005 Request	2005 Enacted	2006 Request
	2002	2003	2004			
Department of Agriculture						
AMS Biotechnology Program.....	N	N	N	4	4	---
Forest Service Economic Action Program.....	N	Y	Y	---	19	---
High Cost Energy Grants.....	Y	Y	Y	---	28	---
NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations.....	N	Y	N	40	75	---
Research and Extension Grant Earmarks and Low Priority Programs.....	Y	Y	Y	---	180	---
Total, Agriculture Terminations.....				44	306	---
Department of Commerce						
Advanced Technology Program.....	Y	N	Y	---	136	---
Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Program.....	Y	Y	Y	-35	---	-50
Public Telecommunications Facilities, Planning and Construction Program.....	N	N	Y	3	21	2
Total, Commerce Terminations.....				-33	157	-48
Department of Education						
Comprehensive School Reform.....	N	N	Y	---	205	---
Educational Technology State Grants.....	N	N	N	692	496	---
Even Start.....	N	N	N	---	225	---
High School Program Terminations:						
Vocational Education State Grants.....	N	N	N	1,000	1,194	---
Vocational Education National Activities.....	N	N	Y	---	12	---
Tech Prep State Grants.....	N	N	Y	---	106	---
Upward Bound.....	N	N	N	316	313	---
Talent Search.....	N	N	N	146	145	---
GEAR UP.....	N	N	N	298	306	---
Smaller Learning Communities.....	Y	Y	Y	---	94	---
Perkins Loans: Capital Contributions and Loan Cancellations.....	N	N	N	66	66	---
Regional Education Laboratories.....	N	N	Y	---	66	---
Safe and Drug Free Schools State Grants.....	N	N	N	441	437	---
Small Elementary and Secondary Education Programs:						
Javits Gifted and Talented Education.....	Y	Y	Y	---	11	---
National Writing Project.....	Y	Y	Y	---	20	---
School Leadership.....	-NA-	Y	Y	---	15	---
Dropout Prevention Program.....	-NA-	Y	Y	---	5	---
Close Up Fellowships.....	Y	Y	Y	---	1	---
Ready to Teach.....	Y	Y	Y	---	14	---
Parental Information and Resource Centers.....	Y	Y	Y	---	42	---
Alcohol Abuse Reduction.....	-NA-	Y	Y	---	33	---
Foundations for Learning.....	-NA-	-NA-	-NA-	---	1	---
Mental Health Integration in Schools.....	-NA-	-NA-	-NA-	---	5	---
Community Technology Centers.....	Y	Y	Y	---	5	---
Exchanges with Historic Whaling and Trading Partners.....	-NA-	Y	Y	---	9	---
Foreign Language Assistance.....	Y	Y	Y	---	18	---
Excellence in Economic Education.....	-NA-	N	N	---	1	---
Arts in Education.....	Y	Y	Y	---	36	---
Women's Educational Equity.....	Y	Y	Y	---	3	---
Elementary and Secondary School Counseling.....	Y	Y	Y	---	35	---
Civic Education.....	Y	Y	N	---	29	---
Star Schools.....	Y	Y	Y	---	21	---
Smaller Higher Education Programs:						
Higher Education Demos for Students w/Disabilities.....	Y	Y	Y	---	7	---
Underground Railroad Program.....	Y	Y	Y	---	2	---
Interest Subsidy Grants.....	N	N	N	---	1	---
Small Job Training and Adult Education Programs:						
Occupational and Employment Information.....	Y	Y	Y	---	9	---
Tech-prep Demonstration.....	Y	Y	Y	---	5	---
Literacy Programs for Prisoners.....	N	Y	Y	---	5	---
State Grants for Incarcerated Youth.....	N	Y	Y	---	22	---
Small Postsecondary Student Financial Assistance Programs:						
LEAP.....	Y	Y	Y	---	66	---
Byrd Scholarships.....	N	N	N	41	41	---
B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarships.....	Y	Y	Y	---	1	---
Thurgood Marshall Legal Opportunity.....	Y	Y	Y	---	3	---
Small Vocational Rehabilitation Programs:						
Vocational Rehabilitation Recreational Programs.....	N	Y	Y	---	3	---
Vocational Rehab. (VR) Migrant and Seasonal Workers.....	N	Y	Y	---	2	---
Projects with Industry.....	N	Y	Y	---	22	---
Supported Employment.....	N	Y	Y	---	37	---
Teacher Quality Enhancement Program.....	N	N	N	89	68	---
Total, Education Terminations.....				3,089	4,263	---

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(Budget authority in millions)

Terminations	Has the termination been proposed before?			2005	2005	2006
	2002	2003	2004	Request	Enacted	Request
Department of Energy						
Hydropower Program.....	N	N	N	6	5	---
Nuclear Energy Plant Optimization.....	N	Y	Y	---	2	---
Nuclear Energy Research Initiative.....	N	N	Y	---	2	---
Oil and Gas Programs.....	Y	Y	Y	41	79	20
Total, Energy Terminations.....				47	88	20
Health and Human Services						
ACF Community Service Programs.....	N	N	N	5	30	---
ACF Early Learning Opportunities Fund.....	Y	Y	Y	---	35	---
CDC Congressional Earmarks.....	Y	Y	Y	---	60	---
CDC Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.....	N	N	N	132	131	---
CDC Youth Media Campaign.....	N	N	N	4	59	---
Direct Service Worker Delivery Grants.....	N	N	N	3	3	---
HRSA Emergency Medical Services for Children.....	N	N	N	20	20	---
HRSA Health Facilities Construction Congressional Earmarks.....	Y	Y	Y	---	476	---
HRSA Healthy Community Access Program.....	Y	Y	Y	10	82	---
HRSA State Planning Grant Program.....	N	Y	Y	---	11	---
HRSA Trauma Care.....	N	Y	Y	---	3	---
HRSA Traumatic Brain Injury.....	N	N	N	9	9	---
HRSA Universal Newborn Hearing Screening.....	N	Y	Y	---	10	---
Real Choice Systems Change Grants.....	N	N	N	40	40	---
Total, HHS Terminations.....				224	970	---
Department of Housing and Urban Development						
HOPE VI.....	N	Y	Y	---	143	-143
Total, Terminations.....				---	143	-143
Department of the Interior						
BLM Jobs-in-the-Woods Program.....	N	N	N	6	6	---
LWCF State Recreation Grants (NPS).....	N	N	N	91	90	---
National Park Service Statutory Aid.....	N	N	N	---	11	---
Rural Fire Assistance (BLM, NPS, FWS, BIA).....	N	N	N	5	10	---
Total, Interior Terminations.....				102	117	---
Department of Justice						
Byrne Discretionary Grants.....	Y	Y	Y	---	168	---
Byrne Justice Assistance Grants.....	N	N	N	528	626	---
COPS Hiring Grants.....	N	N	N	---	10	---
COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Grants.....	Y	Y	Y	---	99	---
COPS Law Enforcement Technology Grants.....	N	N	N	---	137	---
Juvenile Accountability Block Grants.....	N	N	Y	---	54	---
National Drug Intelligence Center**.....	N	N	N	35	39	17
Other State/Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program Terminations.....	N	N	N	30	94	---
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).....	N	Y	Y	---	301	---
Total, Justice Terminations.....				593	1,528	17
Department of Labor						
Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Training Program.....	N	Y	Y	---	76	---
Reintegration of Youthful Offenders.....	Y	Y	Y	55	50	---
Total, Labor Terminations.....				55	126	---
Department of Transportation						
National Defense Tank Vessel Construction Program.....	N	N	N	---	74	---
Railroad Rehabilitation Infrastructure Financing Loan Program.....	N	N	N	---	-NA-	-NA-
Total, Transportation Terminations.....				---	74	---
Environmental Protection Agency						
Unrequested Projects.....	Y	Y	Y	---	489	---
Water Quality Cooperative Agreements.....	N	N	N	21	17	---
Total, EPA Terminations.....				21	506	---
National Aeronautics and Space Administration						
Hubble Space Telescope Robotic Servicing Mission.....	N	N	N	30	291	---
Total, NASA Terminations.....				30	291	---
Other Agencies						
National Veterans Business Development Corporation.....	N	N	N	2	2	---
Postal Service: Revenue Forgone Appropriation.....	N	N	N	---	29	---
SBA: Microloan Program.....	N	N	N	---	15	---
SBA: Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) Participating Securities Program.....	N	N	N	---	---	---
Total, Other Agency Terminations.....				2	46	---
TOTAL, Terminations				4,174	8,614	-154

Summary of Selected Discretionary Program Reductions in the FY 2006 Budget
(Budget authority in millions)

Major Reductions	Has the reduction been proposed before?			2005 Request	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Delta:
	2002	2003	2004				2006 Request less 2005 Enacted
Department of Agriculture							
Federal (In-House) Research.....	Y	Y	Y	988	1,102	996	-106
Forest Service Capital Improve and Maintenance.....	N	N	N	501	515	381	-134
Forest Service Wildland Fire Management (incl. supp. and emergency funding).....	N	N	N	1,695	2,097	1,444	-653
Mandatory Reductions Providing Discretionary Offsets:							
Biomass Research and Development.....	N	N	N	---	-NA-	-2	-2
Broadband.....	N	N	Y	-40	-NA-	-50	-50
CCC - Bioenergy.....	N	N	Y	-50	-NA-	-90	-90
CCC - Market Access Program.....	N	N	Y	-15	-NA-	-75	-75
Farm Bill Programs (EQIP).....	N	Y	Y	-200	-NA-	-200	-200
Farm Bill Programs (CSP).....	N	N	N	-40	-NA-	-40	-40
Farm Bill Programs (WHIP).....	N	Y	Y	-25	-NA-	-25	-25
Farm Bill Program (Farm and Ranchland Protection).....	N	Y	Y	-13	-NA-	-16	-16
Farm Bill Programs (Ag. Management Assistance).....	N	N	N	---	-NA-	-14	-14
IFAS.....	Y	Y	Y	-260	-NA-	-300	-300
Renewable Energy.....	N	Y	Y	-23	-NA-	-23	-23
Rural Firefighter Grants.....	N	Y	Y	-30	-NA-	-40	-40
Rural Strategic Investment Program.....	N	N	N	-100	-NA-	-100	-100
Rural Business Investment Program.....	N	N	N	-65	-NA-	-89	-89
Value-added Grants.....	N	Y	Y	-80	-NA-	-120	-120
Watershed Rehabilitation.....	N	Y	Y	-150	-NA-	-210	-210
<i>Reductions are proposed to various mandatory programs authorized by the FY 2005 Farm Bill to create discretionary savings.</i>							
NRCS Conservation Operations.....	N	N	Y	710	831	768	-63
NRCS Resource Conservation and Development Program.....	N	N	N	51	51	26	-25
Water and Wastewater Grants and Loans.....	Y	Y	Y	439	548	450	-98
[non-add program level: grant BA plus loan level]				[1,424]	[1,526]	[1,456]	[-70]
Total, Agriculture Major Reductions.....				3,293	5,144	2,671	-2,473
Department of Commerce							
Manufacturing Extension Partnership.....	N	Y	Y	39	108	47	-61
Total, Commerce Major Reductions.....				39	108	47	-61
Department of Education							
Adult Education State Grants.....	N	N	N	574	570	200	-370
State Grants for Innovation.....	N	N	N	296	198	100	-98
Total, Education Major Reductions.....				870	768	300	-468
Department of Energy							
Environmental Management.....	N	N	N	7,187	7,054	6,505	-549
Total, Energy Major Reductions.....				7,187	7,054	6,505	-549
Health and Human Services							
HRSA Children's Hospitals GME Payment Program.....	Y	Y	Y	303	298	200	-98
HRSA Health Professions.....	Y	Y	Y	158	447	161	-286
HRSA Rural Health.....	Y	Y	Y	56	147	33	-114
SAMHSA Programs of Regional and National Significance.....	N	N	N	979	891	838	-53
State, Local & Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Grants.....	N	N	N	1,305	1,418	1,280	-138
Total, HHS Major Reductions.....				2,801	3,201	2,512	-689
Department of Housing and Urban Development							
Housing for Persons with Disabilities.....	N	N	Y	249	238	120	-118
Native American Housing Block Grant.....	N	N	N	626	622	522	-100
Public Housing Capital Fund.....	N	N	N	2,674	2,579	2,327	-252
Total, HUD Reductions.....				3,549	3,439	2,969	-470
Department of the Interior							
Bureau of Indian Affairs School Construction.....	N	N	N	229	263	174	-89
National Heritage Area Grants.....	N	Y	Y	3	15	5	-10
Payments in Lieu of Taxes.....	Y	Y	Y	226	227	200	-27
USGS, Mineral Resources Program.....	N	Y	Y	48	54	25	-29
Total, Interior Reductions.....				506	558	404	-154
Department of Justice							
Federal Bureau of Prisons Construction Program.....	N	N	Y	189	189	-144	-333
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program.....	N	Y	Y	208	227	100	-127
Juvenile Justice Law Enforcement Assistance Programs.....	N	N	Y	210	321	198	-123
Total, Justice Major Reductions.....				607	737	154	---
Department of Labor							
International Labor Affairs Bureau.....	Y	Y	Y	31	93	12	-81
Office of Disability Employment Policy.....	N	N	N	48	47	28	-19
Workforce Investment Act Pilots and Demonstrations.....	Y	Y	Y	30	85	30	-55
Total, Labor Reductions.....				109	225	70	-155
Department of State							
Assistance for the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.....	N	N	N	550	556	482	-74
Total, State Major Reductions.....				550	556	482	-74

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<u>Major Reductions</u>	Has the reduction been proposed before?			2005 Request	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Delta:
	2002	2003	2004				2006 Request less 2005 Enacted
Department of Transportation							
FAA - Facilities and Equipment.....	N	N	N	2,500	2,525	2,448	-77
FAA - Airport Improvement Program (Oblim).....	N	N	N	3,500	3,497	3,000	-497
FRA - Next Generation High Speed Rail.....	N	N	N	---	19	---	-19
Department of Treasury							
Internal Revenue Service - Taxpayer Service.....	N	N	N	-NA-	3,606	3,567	-39
Total, Treasury Reductions.....				-NA-	3,606	3,567	-39
Environmental Protection Agency							
Alaska Native Villages.....	N	N	N	40	45	15	-30
Clean Water State Revolving Fund.....	N	N	N	850	1,091	730	-361
Total, EPA Major Reductions.....				890	1,136	745	-391
National Aeronautics and Space Administration							
Aeronautics: Vehicle Systems Program.....	N	N	N	577	569	459	-110
Jupiter Icy Moons Orbiter.....	N	N	N	405	402	280	-122
Total, NASA Major Reductions.....				982	971	739	-232
Other Agencies							
NARA: National Historical Publications & Records Commission.....	N	N	N	10	5	---	-5
U.S. Institute of Peace, Construction of New Building.....	N	N	N	---	99	---	-99
Total, Other Agency Reductions.....				10	104	---	-104
SUBTOTAL, MAJOR REDUCTIONS.....				23,893	30,151	23,613	-6,538

<u>Major Reform Proposals with 2006 Savings</u>	2005	2006	2006 - 2005 Delta
	Enacted	Request	
Agriculture: Rural Telephone Bank.....	3	2	-1
Commerce: Economic and Community Development Programs.....	5,314	3,710	-1,604
Homeland Security: State and Local Homeland Security Grants.....	3,985	3,565	-420
Homeland Security: Transportation Security Administration, Recover Aviation Security Screening Costs Through Fees.....	-2,580	-4,139	-1,559
Labor: Job Training Reform, Consolidate Grants Program.....	4,059	3,913	-146
Transportation: Amtrak.....	1,207	360	-847
Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works): Performance Guidelines for Funding Construction Projects.....	1,782	1,637	-145
U.S. Agency for International Development and Department of Agriculture: International Food Aid.....	1,558	1,541	-17
SUBTOTAL, MAJOR REFORM PROPOSALS WITH 2006 SAVINGS.....	15,328	10,589	-4,739

TOTAL, Major Reductions and Reform Proposal with 2006 Savings	-11,277
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