

I voted Yes on H.R. 1892, the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2012 Conference Report.

This legislation authorizes funds for U.S. government intelligence agencies including the CIA, FBI, and Department of Homeland Security. H.R. 1892 authorizes critical national security functions, including CIA functions, tactical intelligence support for combat units in Afghanistan, cyber defense, as well as research and technology to maintain our nation's code breaking, listening devices, and spy satellites.

The specific dollar amounts and personnel ceilings for these intelligence programs are classified.

Nonetheless, we need to adequately resource our Intelligence Community so they can continue to keep us safe and free, and I am confident that this bill achieves that standard.

This legislation is a compromise between the versions of the Intelligence Authorization bills previously approved by both the House and Senate.

The bill was approved by a vote of 396 – 23.