

I voted Yes on H.R. 6018, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

This bill would authorize funding for Fiscal Year 2013 for the State Department and its programs. It would also authorize multilateral aid administered by the State Department, such as international peacekeeping funds and U.S. information programs. This legislation takes steps to increase the efficiency, accountability and safety of American diplomatic personnel overseas. Finally, H.R. 6018 would establish jurisdiction and oversight authorities in the fields of cybersecurity and counterterrorism while modifying arms export control authorities to reduce unnecessary obstacles and streamline our exporting process.

I supported this bill, which passed with broad bipartisan support, because it will strengthen foreign relations and streamline processes within the State Department throughout Fiscal Year 2013 to make government more efficient.

H.R. 6018 was passed by a vote of 333 – 61.