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THE RESCUE**

Dear Delegate,

I recently watched a video of Congresswoman Celeste Maloy defending her vote on the \$1.2 trillion Schumer/Biden omnibus spending bill.

I think a robust debate, as Celeste called for in all 13 counties as a candidate less than a year ago, is necessary to let voters understand this issue. I invite Celeste to an hour-long debate to talk specifically about this controversial spending vote. Republican voters deserve to hear from us both, side-by-side.

In the meantime, I'd like to deliver a response to her brief explanation of her vote.

First, let me say, this bill is really about two things;

Earmarks, and immigration. Republicans caved on earmarks and surrendered on securing the border.

## **HYDE AMENDMENT AND LATE-TERM ABORTION EARMARKS**

**Celeste Claims:** The Omnibus bill prevents taxpayer-funded abortion by extending the Hyde Amendment.

**Colby Claims:** The bill gave an earmark of over \$2 million for equipment at facilities that perform late-term abortions.<sup>1</sup> How can we reconcile this?

**The Truth:** Passing the Hyde Amendment has become standard operating procedure.

- ◆ It has been passed in every spending bill, regardless of who controls the house, without fail, since FY 1977.
- ◆ What it does is prevent taxpayer funds from going directly to fund abortion.
- ◆ That means it can still subsidize abortions indirectly by, say, giving federal funding to Planned Parenthood but for family planning, contraceptives, cancer screenings, etc.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> James Lankford, "Lankford Sounds the Alarm on Funding Bill: Offers Amendments to Stop Funding for Border National Security Risk and Late-Term Abortion," Senator James Lankford, March 22, 2024, <https://www.lankford.senate.gov/news/press-releases/lankford-sounds-the-alarm-on-funding-bill-offers-amendments-to-stop-funding-for-border-national-security-risk-and-late-term-abortion/>.

<sup>2</sup> "Planned Parenthood 2021-2022 Annual Report 1," Planned Parenthood, accessed April 1, 2024, [https://cdn.plannedparenthood.org/uploads/filer\\_public/25/ed/25ed2675-fbbc-453b-8b35-f8ddaa025b57/281222-ppfa-annualreport-c3-digital.pdf](https://cdn.plannedparenthood.org/uploads/filer_public/25/ed/25ed2675-fbbc-453b-8b35-f8ddaa025b57/281222-ppfa-annualreport-c3-digital.pdf).

So Celeste voted for the Hyde amendment and yet still provided over \$2 million for equipment at facilities that perform late-term abortions – just not the abortions directly.

I'll note that her recent vote for the National Defense Authorization Act she, by default, also funded Biden's travel reimbursements for soldiers traveling to and from getting abortions.<sup>3</sup>

## **DICKEY AMENDMENT AND GUN CONFISCATION**

**Celeste Claims:** The Dickey amendment was passed to prevent federal funds from going to lobby for gun control.

**Colby Claims:** The Omnibus spending bill funded a multi-million dollar earmark for a research project on gun confiscation.<sup>4</sup> Can both really be true?

**The Truth:** The Dickey amendment, like the Hyde amendment, is standard operating procedure.<sup>5</sup>

- ◆ It has been passed in every spending bill, without fail, since its inception in 1996.
- ◆ The key phrase in the Dickey amendment is that federal funds can't "advocate or promote gun control."<sup>6</sup>
- ◆ So, instead, liberals backed by Republicans like Celeste, fund biased research projects like the one in the Omnibus spending bill designed to indirectly promote gun control and gun confiscation just like the Hyde amendment allows for indirect funding of abortion.

## **WUHAN/UNRWA FUNDING CUTS**

**Celeste Claims:** This bill defunded the Wuhan Institute and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). We have here one institution that allegedly started a global pandemic and another that has 13 employees being implicated for taking part in the Hamas attacks.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Brad Dress, "Defense Bill Drops Amendment Blocking Pentagon Abortion Policy," The Hill, December 7, 2023, <https://thehill.com/policy/defense/4347626-defense-pentagon-abortion/>.

<sup>4</sup> "Justice Department Launches the National Extreme Risk Protection Order Resource Center," Office of Public Affairs | Justice Department Launches the National Extreme Risk Protection Order Resource Center | United States Department of Justice, March 23, 2024, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-launches-national-extreme-risk-protection-order-resource-center>.

<sup>5</sup> 104th United States Congress, \*public law 104–208 104th Congress an act, 1996, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-104publ208/pdf/PLAW-104publ208.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> Cristina Carujo and Jessie DiMartino, "Decades Long Gap in Gun Violence Research Funding Has Lasting Impact," ABC News, November 5, 2021, <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/decades-long-gap-gun-violence-research-funding-lasting/story?id=80646946>.

<sup>7</sup> Annabelle Timsit, Bryan Pietsch, and Sammy Westfall, Why Unrwa, the U.N. Agency for Palestinians, is losing funding..., January 29, 2024, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/01/28/unrwa-funding-suspensions-hamas-gaza-israel/>.

**Colby Claims:** You don't get brownie points for that. Why would we EVER fund those organizations after what they have done?

**The Truth:** The earmarks in this bill are a major problem for conservatives, and Celeste knows it.

- ◆ First, as a practical matter, you're never going to win in a game of trading earmarks with the Democrats, they will always find a way to outspend us.
- ◆ Second, Celeste claims that the Constitution demands Congress do their duty to fund the government, yet she readily funds unconstitutional earmarks.

I don't imagine the founders would have included in the sacred duty to fund the government a duty to fund earmarks for late-term abortion, gun confiscation, or the \$400,000 to a group that gives transition clothing to trans minors and coordinates against parental rights groups<sup>8</sup> that are in this bill Celeste voted for.

## SECURING THE BORDER

**Celeste Claims:** This bill increased ICE funding for detention beds and gave Border Patrol more funding to pay their agents overtime.

**Colby Claims:** As conservative Congressman Chip Roy said, "This bill does not have one single policy necessary to secure the border."<sup>9</sup> How can both be true?

**The Truth:** Until we end catch-and-release, re-implement remain in Mexico, and, ideally, finish the wall, we are just rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic with any other border policy.

- ◆ Historically, 30% of agent time is spent processing illegal migrants and 70% actually out on patrol. With catch-and-release, people just come up to the border looking to be caught by border patrol and claim "amnesty." They then get a ride into town and are shipped all over the US while they await their hearing years later – which they may or may not ever show up to.<sup>10</sup>
- ◆ Because of that incentive structure, now agents are spending 90% of their time processing, and 10% of the time on the Border.<sup>11</sup>

8 1. House Freedom Caucus, "\$400,000 for Briarpatch Youth Services in Wisconsin. One of Their Programs Is Called 'Teens like Us LGBTQIA2S+' That Includes a 'Gender Affirming Clothing Program' for Ages 13–18. <https://t.co/9o9pw3em2w>," Twitter, March 21, 2024, <https://twitter.com/freedomcaucus/status/1770843659430166693>.

9 118th United States Congress, "Congressman Chip Roy Speaks on the Swamp Bus: More Illegals, Less Freedom | Congressional Record | Congress.Gov | Library of Congress," congress.gov, March 21, 2024, <https://www.congress.gov/congressional-record/volume-170/issue-50/house-section/article/H1344-2>.

10 Invasion on the Southern Border: The Divided States of Biden, 2024, <https://dwplus.watch/3a9j58wl>.

11 Invasion on the Southern Border: The Divided States of Biden, 2024, <https://dwplus.watch/3a9j58wl>.

◆ Until catch-and-release is ended, our Border Patrol agents are hardly more than a welcome committee and the detention beds are hardly more than free lodging.

More overtime and more beds do nothing but get illegal immigrants processed and into our country a bit more smoothly.

Most insulting of all, and I can't emphasize this enough, **we paid \$500 million to the government of Jordan to "enhance security along its borders."**<sup>12</sup> Imagine if we had put that toward a border wall.

## **SLIM MAJORITY**

**Celeste Claims:** We have a slim Republican majority in the House, we need to take what we can get.

**Colby Claims:** As Senator Mike Lee said, securing Biden's border lawlessness was within reach but that "some in the GOP were too eager to help Dems spend."<sup>13</sup> But is that true?

**The Truth:** Absolutely yes. Other than a small faction of the far left, almost all Americans are fed up with the utter abdication of control of our southern border to the cartels.

- ◆ We're tired of nearly 4 million illegal immigrants coming in every year.
- ◆ We're tired of military-aged men from China or countries that sponsor terrorism coming across in the tens of thousands.
- ◆ We're tired of hundreds of thousands of our youth being killed by fentanyl overdoses and getting addicted to other hard drugs every year.

We wouldn't need to worry about slim majorities if we stood strong and showed a little leadership:

**If the government doesn't do its job to protect our border, then we don't fund the government.**

We have a supermajority of the American public on our side. The people can win, they just need leaders.

If Democrats wanted to shut down the government because they refuse to end border lawlessness, let them. Let's see how that goes.

Instead, Celeste bailed them out by voting with a MINORITY of Republicans who joined a MAJORITY of Democrats<sup>14</sup> to pass a \$1.2 trillion spending bill with **not one policy necessary to secure the border.**

<sup>12</sup> Congressman Ralph Norman, "FY24 Never-Ending Spending," U.S. Representative Ralph Norman, March 22, 2024, <https://norman.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx? DocumentID=1859#:~:text=BUT%20it%20allocates%20%24500%20million,research%20with%20the%20Wuhan%20Institute.>

<sup>13</sup> Senator Mike Lee, "This Bill Could Have Been so Much Better Had Republicans in Either House of Congress Stood United in:(1) Refusing to Fund Biden's Border Lawlessness and(2) Reining in Spending.Doing Both Was within Reach. But Some in the GOP Were Too Eager to Help Dems Spend.," Twitter, March 23, 2024, [https://twitter.com/BasedMikeLee/status/1771424068685697531.](https://twitter.com/BasedMikeLee/status/1771424068685697531)



## 1012 PAGES AND 24 HOURS TO REVIEW

**Celeste Claims:** Six bills that went through regular order and debate were combined into one Omnibus bill. So they had time to review the six bills before they were combined into one.

**Colby Claims:** The bill is 1012 pages, was negotiated behind closed doors, and Celeste had barely 24 hours to review it.<sup>15</sup>

**The Truth:** Celeste is damned if she does or damned if she doesn't on this one.

**Either** she was hoodwinked and voted for a bad bill without knowing what was in it because she voted to suspend Congress' rule that requires 72 hours to review a bill. **Or** she knew exactly how bad this bill was, had reviewed it properly, and yet still voted for it.

## WE'LL FIGHT AGAIN IN 2025

**Celeste Claims:** We should bank these "wins" and fight again in 2025.

**Colby Claims:** We held all the leverage with the American people to codify real wins to secure the border and tie the hands of not just Joe Biden, but any other future liberal president who would try and allow an open invasion of our southern border.

Yet, we surrendered without a fight – and gave them late-term abortion and gun confiscation funding while in retreat.

14 1. Matt Stiles, "How Each House Member Voted on the \$1.2 Trillion Funding Package | CNN Politics," CNN, March 22 2024, [https://www.cnn.com/2024/03/22/politics/house-vote-funding-shutdown-dg/index.html#:~:text=The%20US%20House%20on%20Friday%20approved%20a%20\\$1.2%20trillion%20government%20did%20not%20vote.](https://www.cnn.com/2024/03/22/politics/house-vote-funding-shutdown-dg/index.html#:~:text=The%20US%20House%20on%20Friday%20approved%20a%20$1.2%20trillion%20government%20did%20not%20vote.)

15 Josh Christenson, "Congress Unveils \$1.2T Spending Bill with Border Security Boost Ahead of Looming Government Shutdown," New York Post, March 22, 2024, <https://nypost.com/2024/03/21/us-news/congress-unveils-1-2-trillion-spending-bill-ahead-of-looming-government-shutdown/>.



## MILITARY PAY RAISE

**Celeste Claims:** Our soldiers will get just over a 5% pay raise.

**Colby Claims:** As a member of the Armed Services who has worn the flag on my shoulder for over 25 years and who has led combat missions as the Commander of a Green Beret A-Team in Afghanistan, anti-drug operations across South America, and hostage rescue operations in Colombia, this may be the single-most-offensive thing she said in defense of her vote.

I know the members of our military. I still wear the uniform. My daughter is currently at West Point. I have friends who are in the ground that I lost in the name of the Constitution that we swore to uphold and the nation we swore to defend.

Do our soldiers deserve better pay and treatment? Absolutely.

But we don't serve for the pay.

**We are patriots, we can't be bought or bribed to trample on the Constitution or watch the country go over a fiscal cliff with out-of-control spending and earmarks all while control of our own border is turned over to our enemies.**

I think I speak for most everyone I know in the military when I say that, if those are the terms, then with all due respect, Celeste, you can keep your money.

I promise to you, that as your Congressman, if a bill like this is given to me in the dead of night, my vote won't just be "no." It will be **HELL NO.**

Sincerely,



Colby Jenkins