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Congress Passes Omnibus Appropriations Bill

Congress successfully passed an omnibus appropriations bill, which provides the authorizing funding for major federal programs, including those that provide support to individuals with disabilities and their families. This roughly 3,000-page appropriations package included several positive items for individuals with disabilities, including:

- A significant funding increase for Section 8 housing;
- Increased funding for the Social Security Administration (SSA), hopefully paving the way for addressing the backlog of appeals;
- Increased funding for the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act program – many of which focus on increasing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.