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Congress Passes Omnibus Appropriations Bill

Congress successfully passed an omnibus appropriations bill, which provides the underlining funding for major federally funded programs, including those that provide support to individuals with disabilities and their families. This roughly \$1.3 trillion 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 geared at addressing the backlog of applicants;
- Increased funding for the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act programs – many of which focus on increasing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities;