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Don't Let the Swamp Steal Christmas

TOPLINE: Washington loves the annual Christmas spending bill. Why? Because they load it up for goodies for all the special interest groups, leaving the American taxpayers to pay the bill. **Conservatives must hold the line against a blowout spending bill. Here's what the Swamp will likely want in an end-of-year spending bill:**

Higher Spending: "Christmas tree" appropriations are a proven recipe for higher spending.

- The last time Congress agreed to a [December omnibus bill](#), discretionary budget authority jumped from \$1.470 trillion in FY 2022 to \$1.624 trillion in FY 2023.
 - That's a 1-year spending increase of **\$154 BILLION**.
- **Conservatives should not pass a spending bill that continues Biden spending levels.**

Extending COVID-Era Obamacare Handouts:

- In 2021, Democrats massively expanded Obamacare tax subsidies to include Americans making upwards of ~\$150,000 a year.
- These subsidies are set to expire at the end of the year.
- Conservatives should let them expire. The American people didn't send them to Washington to save Obamacare.
 - **DIG DEEPER:** [AAF MEMO: Don't Save Obamacare](#)

Expanding European-Style Price Controls on Life-Saving Prescription Drugs:

- Conservatives must reject any attempt to expand Inflation Reduction Act-styled price controls under the pseudonym of "Most-Favored-Nation" policies.
- These policies will result in less cures coming to market and decreased life expectancy.

Rolling Back the One Big Beautiful Bill

- The One Big Beautiful Bill's wins must be protected even if it means shutting down the government.
 - **REFRESHER:** [AAF: Wins of the OBBB](#)

Earmarks Will Grease the Wheels:

- Earmarks are the currency of the Swamp traded to win over votes with sweetheart deals delivered to the district.
- Congress should BAN earmarks and return to earlier practices.
 - **LEARN MORE:** [AAF Ban Earmarks.](#)

BOTTOMLINE: The American People are sick and tired of business as usual in Washington. This is why they gave Conservatives a mandate to fundamentally change how this town operates in the last election. Conservatives must see it through by ending Washington's traditional end-of-year blow-out spending bill.



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