Bills that should not pass

The sweeping nationwide victory of Democratic candidates in the recent mid-term elections was an unmistakable rejection of the corrupt, authoritarian takeover of our government by MAGA elites who have rejected democracy and the rule of law in favor of their own economic and political self-interest. Individual election campaigns at their best also provided a forum for discussion about issues of war, peace, human rights and economic justice that our society has struggled with for decades. At the very least, the election results were a demand for systemic change and much greater accountability and transparency on the part of our elected representatives.

Unsurprisingly, some entrenched members of both parties in Congress are currently doing everything in their power to hastily pass certain pieces of legislation that directly contradict the majority will on many issues ***before the new Congress is seated on January 6th***. **One of multiple examples of this is the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2027.**

Integrating Israeli Companies into Pentagon Procurement

The Intercept of November 13 reports that: "Right now, the House Armed Services Committee and Senate Armed Services Committee are engaged in an informal but highly consequential conference to finalize the text of the…NDAA, which sets policy for the Pentagon. **A disturbing provision in current versions of the texts passed by the House and Senate committees would integrate Israeli weapons companies into the Pentagon procurement process at an unprecedented level — opening a back door to almost untraceably send billions of taxpayer dollars to Israeli weapons makers without congressional oversight. The House bill would create a new 'executive agent' position within the Pentagon to steer this integration…"** *(Emphasis added. For more on this, see https://theintercept.com/2026/11/13/ndaa-congress-israel-military/).*

In other words, if this provision is included in the NDAA, our money will go directly to support a policy that a majority of voters have rejected- Israel's war on Gaza- and do so without citizen awareness or Congressional consent.

Handing mass surveillance powers to Trump and Miller

And there's more. Members of the Senate Intelligence Committee are working on a plan to renew an expired law, Senate 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), by attaching it to the NDAA or to a continuing resolution for government funding. Trump and his new Chief of Staff, Stephen Miller, have called on Congress to move on this before the end of the year, and Connecticut's own Representative Jim Himes of Fairfield has advised his Republican colleagues to get the FISA passed now, during the current "lame duck" session.

"After seeing a blowout election where Americans overwhelmingly rejected Trump… Himes's first instinct was to urge Republicans to use the little time they have left to hand Donald Trump and Stephen Miller the mass surveillance powers that they're asking for," states Demand Progress Senior Policy Advisor Hajar Hammado. "It's incredibly telling that Himes fears the idea of his own party having the leverage to stop Trump from bypassing the courts to spy on everyday Americans, and it is shameful he is advising the administration on how to undermine Americans' privacy**. Democrats and Republicans alike must reject Himes's agenda and oppose any effort to force a FISA renewal through Congress."** *(Emphasis added. For more on Hines and the FISA, see https://www.demandprogress.org/jim-himes-betrays-dems-by-endorsing-trump-s-surveillance-agenda?akid=35940.3.*
For background on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, see https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/section-702-foreign-intelligence-surveillance-act-fisa-20232024).

Please take a stand against all efforts to circumvent the election results by forcing these and other repressive bills through Congress: Email, call, visit, and, if necessary, publicly confront your Senators and Representatives to tell them to vote No!

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