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NTU urges all Senators to vote "NO" on H.R. 815, the National Security Act. While NTU does not take a position on how best to conduct foreign policy, we closely scrutinize how taxpayer money is being spent, especially in times of spiraling deficits and debt obligations. Due to these fiscal concerns, we oppose the final passage of this bill as it stands since this package is not offset by spending cuts. However, NTU would support amendments to H.R. 815 that would include offsets or net spending cuts.

- This package contains \$95 billion in new emergency spending without offsets.
- Of this, \$60 billion goes to Ukraine, \$14 billion to Israel, \$2.4 billion to CENTCOM, nearly \$5 billion to the Indo-Pacific, and almost \$10 billion in foreign aid to humanitarian aid and for refugees/asylum claimants.
- Around \$400 million would go to nonprofits for security enhancements, and another nearly \$500 million would go to broad refugee and entrant assistance.

Fiscal security is an integral part of our national security. Roll call votes on the foreign aid supplemental will be substantially weighted in NTU's annual Rating of Congress, and absent provisions for fully offsetting spending reductions, a "NO" vote on H.R. 815 will be considered the pro-taxpayer position.

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