**President Trumps Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2018**

**“America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again”**

As one reporter stated “the deconstruction of the administrative state now comes with line items.” As the document argues, “The Budget eliminates programs that are duplicative or have limited impact on public health and well-being”.

Funding for defense is increased by $54 billion and offset by cuts to more than 18 agencies, including reductions of more than 20 percent at the Agriculture, Labor and State departments and of more than 30 percent at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Health and Human Services is cut by 17.9 percent or $15.1 billion. Those cuts and others include:

* Reduces the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) spending relative to the 2017 annualized CR level by $5.8 billion to $25.9 billion. The Budget includes a major reorganization of NIH’s Institutes and Centers to help focus resources on the highest priority research and training activities, including: eliminating the Fogarty International Center; consolidating the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality within NIH; and other consolidations and structural changes across NIH organizations and activities. The Budget also reduces administrative costs and rebalance Federal contributions to research funding.
* Eliminates $403 million in health professions and nursing training programs – “which lack evidence that they significantly improve the Nation’s health workforce.”
* Eliminating the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) and closes some Job Corps Centers (Labor Dept.).
* Eliminating the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
* Eliminates the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).
* “The Budget also reforms the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through a new $500 million block grant to increase State flexibility and focus on the leading public health challenges specific to each State.”
* Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control (HCFAC) program increased to $751 million in 2018, which is $70 million higher than the 2017 annualized CR level.
* Social Security Administration appears to receive a small increase from $9.3 billion up 0.2%
* Low-income agencies eliminated: Legal Services Corporation, Corporation for National and Community Service, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.