

WASHINGTON- Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) issued the following statement after voting against the \$410 billion spending bill, known as an "omnibus" appropriations bill. This spending bill lumps nine appropriations bills into one massive and complicated bill. Congressman Terry supports voting on each bill separately.

"I am extremely concerned about the out of control spending going on in Washington," said Congressman Terry. "Lumping several appropriation bills into one is a poor way to govern. I have consistently voted against omnibus bills, including when the Republicans were in charge and I am not going to change now. This bill includes roughly 9,000 earmarks for things like tattoo removal, a pleasure beach water taxi service and lobster research. We also have a President and many Members of Congress who have recently talked about fiscal discipline. This was a chance to walk the walk. This bill does not do that."

The bill contains the annual funding levels for nine regular Appropriations bills, including; Agriculture, Commerce/Justice/Science, Energy and Water, Financial Services, Interior and Environment, Labor/Health/Human Services, Legislative Branch, State and Foreign Operations, and Transportation/HUD.

