

Maloney Statement on NDAA for FY2021

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WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) released the following statement ahead of today's vote on the Conference Report to H.R. 6395, the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2021.

“Included in the FY2021 NDAA are two important provisions: one that will make our country safer, and another that will make sure all Federal employees receive the paid parental leave we committed to provide last year.

“The first, my Corporate Transparency Act, is the most important anti-money laundering and anti-corruption bill in 20 years. When a terrorist cell or a criminal organization wants to move their money, they usually do it right here in the U.S., with a shell company. My bill will end the abuse of anonymous shell companies in the U.S. by requiring companies to disclose their true, beneficial owners to the Treasury Department at the time the company is formed.

“While I can't support final passage of the Conference Report as a whole, I'm thrilled that the Corporate Transparency Act has been included and want to thank my negotiating partners — Chairman Crapo, Ranking Member Brown, Chairwoman Waters, and Ranking Member McHenry.

“Also importantly, I'm pleased that this bill includes a correction to my paid parental leave bill that will give FAA and TSA employees, medical professionals working in VA facilities, and DC courts and public defender

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employees up to 12 weeks of paid leave in the event of the birth, adoption, or fostering of a child. Congress intended to guarantee paid parental leave for all Federal employees, and this bill honors that commitment.

“Even with these important provisions, I will be voting against the bill. I cannot, in good conscience, vote for legislation that continues to explode the Pentagon’s budget while millions of Americans are suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic and stays silent on the 1033 program, leaving in place the mechanism that transfers military equipment to local law enforcement across the county.

“While I appreciate the hard, bipartisan work that went into this compromise I remain committed to reallocating funding to better serve the American people.

“We need to be investing in our schools and strengthening social safety net programs. And we need to provide robust rent relief and pandemic unemployment assistance for millions of people who now find themselves out of work.

“We need to provide real relief for the people.”

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