



## Agenda 47 | Using Impoundment\* to Cut Waste, Stop Inflation, and Crush the Deep State

*"For 200 years under our system of government, it was undisputed that the President had the Constitutional power to stop unnecessary spending through what is known as Impoundment..."\**

- The president's **Impoundment Power** is found in Article II, Section 3 of our Constitution. It was first used by Thomas Jefferson in 1801. Restoring its use will compel the Executive and Legislative Branches to work together to control federal spending.
- President Trump will direct federal agencies to identify parts of their budgets where massive savings are possible. He will maintain the same level of funding for our defense, Social Security, and Medicare while slashing spending in other areas.
- The Congressional Budget and Impoundment **Control Act** of 1974 (CBA) attempts to limit the Executive Branch's financial control over our nation's budget. It does not have to be this way. *(Note: It is called a **control act**, versus a **Constitutional Power**, for a reason. It is meant to control constitutional authority because attempts to amend the Constitution to achieve the same result would likely fail.)*
- Currently, the president only **requests repealing** funds under the CBA. Those requests must be approved by both houses of Congress to take effect. President Trump will use the Impoundment Power to restore the president's spending authority and will meet head on any challenge to the Executive's constitutional authority to do so.
- Congress creates laws and is responsible for creating a budget the president uses to enforce those laws. Importantly, the budget is a guide. It is not mandatory spending. When enforcing the laws passed by Congress, the president has the power to spend, or not spend, the funds Congress has budgeted. President Trump will use his Constitutional authority to ensure taxpayer monies are spent efficiently and with clear purpose.

**\* The president can use a process called Impoundment to withhold funds from government agencies and programs. The President can withhold all the funds or just some of them to manage government spending. (Article II, Section 3 of our Constitution.)** [https://constitution.congress.gov/browse/essay/artII-S3-3-7/ALDE\\_00013376/](https://constitution.congress.gov/browse/essay/artII-S3-3-7/ALDE_00013376/)



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