

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. ROGERS OF
KENTUCKY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS REGARDING THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
THE SENATE AMENDMENT ON H.R. 3547
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

The following is an explanation of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014.

This Act contains the twelve regular appropriations bills for fiscal year 2014. The divisions contained in the Act are as follows:

- Division A – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014;
- Division B – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014;
- Division C – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2014;
- Division D – Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014;
- Division E – Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2014;

**DIVISION B—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014**

Report language included in House Report 113–171 (“the House report”) or Senate Report 113–78 (“the Senate report”) that is not changed by this explanatory statement or this Act is approved. The explanatory statement, while repeating some language for emphasis, is not intended to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein. In cases where both the House report and the Senate report address a particular issue not specifically addressed in the explanatory statement, the House report and the Senate report should be read as consistent and are to be interpreted accordingly. In cases where the House report or the Senate report directs the submission of a report, such report is to be submitted to both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations (“the Committees”).

Each department and agency funded in this Act shall follow the directions set forth in this Act and the accompanying statement and shall not reallocate resources or reorganize activities except as provided herein. Reprogramming procedures shall apply to: funds provided in this Act; unobligated balances from previous appropriations Acts that are available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2014; and non-appropriated resources such as fee collections that are used to meet program requirements in fiscal year 2014. These procedures are specified in section 505 of this Act.

Any reprogramming request shall include any out-year budgetary impacts and a separate accounting of program or mission impacts on estimated carryover funds. Any program, project or activity cited in this statement, or in the House report or the Senate report and not changed by this Act or statement, shall be construed as the position of the Congress and shall not be subject to reductions or reprogramming without prior approval of the Committees. Further, any department or agency funded in this Act which plans a reduction-in-force shall notify the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate by letter no later than 30 days in advance of the date of any such planned personnel action.

When a department or agency submits a reprogramming or transfer request to the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate and does not receive identical responses by the House and Senate, it shall be the responsibility of the department or agency seeking the reprogramming to reconcile the differences between the two bodies before proceeding. If

reconciliation is not possible, the items in disagreement in the reprogramming or transfer request shall be considered unapproved.

In compliance with section 535 of this Act, the Departments of Commerce and Justice, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation shall submit spending plans, signed by the respective department or agency head, for the Committees' review not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act.