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NTU urges all Representatives to vote "YES" on Amendment #92, to H.R. 8774, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2025.

The amendment numbers are based on the Rules Committee numbering system.

Amendment #92, offered by Rep. Jayapal (D-WA), Rep. Davidson (R-OH), Rep. Garamendi (D-CA), and Rep. McClintock (R-CA), would prohibit funds from being used to carry out unfunded priorities lists (UPLs). As NTU [has written in the past](#), unfunded priorities lists contribute to excessive and unnecessary military spending. UPLs were once an informal practice wherein service heads would submit to Congress a wish list of programs. However, they have become an annual requirement that contributes to a bloated budget. By removing incentives to prioritize their funding requests due to a statutory mandate, UPLs add further hazard for both appropriators and military leaders by creating a spending echo chamber that serves special interests rather than taxpayer interests. As [research](#) has [suggested](#), these UPLs result in billions in extra taxpayer dollars being funneled to programs that are not even top priorities of the services themselves. Even [Pentagon leadership](#) has grown to support an end to the UPL requirement.

Roll call votes on this amendment will be included in NTU's annual Rating of Congress and a "YES" vote will be considered the pro-taxpayer position.

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