

SHINE Update thanks to Al Norman/MHC

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There was a vote on an amendment to restore SHIP/SCSEP and EJ funding. Unfortunately, it failed on a party-line vote but Rep. Clark (MA) supported it. However, both Rep. David Young and Chairman Tom Cole – both republicans agreed to work with democrats to rectify SHIP funding in a final bill. Whether they will get it back “up” to the FY 2017 level, which was \$5 mill below FY 2016, we’re not sure...but there is still hope. We have details in a leg update coming tomorrow morning (the committee isn’t done with the markup yet, so we haven’t sent it). We’re also still hopeful the Senate will protect SHIP funding, so we’ll be pivoting there ASAP after the House markup. We haven’t seen a Senate bill yet—they’re still working on it—so I don’t have those details.

Hope that helps. I know it’s not the best news, but it is what we expected it would be. However all the advocacy has been really important to fostering the desire to “fix” the issue in a final bill.