

**"WHAT WOULD THEY HAVE ME CUT?
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When asked to defend a massive spending agenda, President Biden said:

"What would they have me cut? What would they have me leave out?"

We are glad you asked, Mr. President.

The Diversion

Last week, President Biden declared his COVID-19 testing failure not a failure. Then on Monday:

"It's not enough. It's clearly not enough," Biden said of his administration's efforts to increase testing during a call with governors. "If we had known, we would have gone harder, quicker if we could have."

Apparently COVID-19 snuck up on the Biden Administration even after they enacted \$2 trillion in spending to supposedly address COVID-19. Though, as we remembered last week, less than 9% of that spending went to public health.

But apparently less than 9% was still too much because in May the Biden Administration diverted over \$2 billion in health care funding away from things like developing Covid-19 testing capabilities to instead respond to its self-created border crisis:

*"The redirected funds include \$850 million that Congress originally allocated to rebuild the nation's Strategic National Stockpile...**Another \$850 million is being taken from a pot intended to help expand coronavirus testing...**"*

Sounds like the Biden Administration's testing failure was self-created too.

Stay tuned for more.

Source: [Biden Acknowledges Coronavirus Testing Shortages, Pledges To Do More](#), U.S. News & World Report, December 27, 2021
[What Would They Have Me Cut: Déjà Vu](#), House Budget Committee Republicans, December 17, 2021
[Biden admin reroutes billions in emergency stockpile, Covid funds to border crunch](#), Politico, May 15, 2021