



# Arizona State Legislature

September 26, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, President Pro Tempore  
The Honorable John Barrasso, Majority Whip  
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Minority Leader  
The Honorable Dick Durbin, Minority Whip  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators,

As members of the Arizona Legislature, we strongly urge the United States Senate to immediately pass a clean, short-term continuing resolution to prevent a federal government shutdown. With the September 30th funding deadline fast approaching, the American people — including hardworking Arizonans, military families, first responders, seniors, and vulnerable children — depend on steady, reliable government services. A shutdown would needlessly harm families and communities and threaten critical programs Arizonans rely on today.

When the federal government shuts down, the ripple effects are swift and severe: border agents and military personnel can be left without pay, seniors face disruptions in services they depend upon, and food assistance and other safety-net programs for families in need are jeopardized. Our state's economy would also absorb avoidable blows. These consequences are real, immediate, and preventable.

Here in Arizona, we avoided a state government shutdown by putting governance before politics and passing a bipartisan budget in divided government. Congress should do the same. There is a straightforward solution ready: a clean, short-term funding extension — without unrelated policy riders or partisan poison pills — that allows critical services to continue while longer-term budget negotiations proceed. The House has already passed a short-term funding resolution with bipartisan support; we urge the Senate to fast-track that measure now.

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There is precedent for putting country over politics. Under Democratic and Republican leadership in recent years, Congress has used clean funding extensions to keep the government operating while lawmakers resolve larger policy differences. That practice should be honored again now.

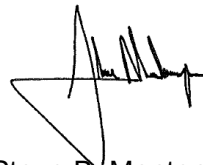
We recognize that members may have important policy priorities. We do not oppose robust debate and responsible policy changes — but those changes should be worked out in comprehensive packages that receive sufficient public scrutiny, not forced into last-minute continuing resolutions that threaten to hold the government and American families hostage.

The American people are counting on steady leadership during this moment. We respectfully ask you to put aside political differences, act swiftly, and pass a clean continuing resolution so government services remain reliable for the citizens we all represent.

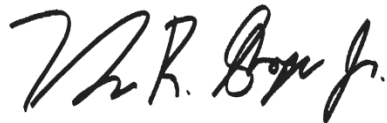
Sincerely,



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Arizona Senate, LD 14



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Speaker of the House  
House of Representatives, LD 29



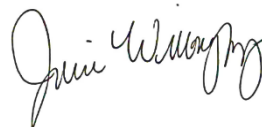
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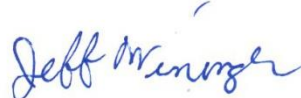
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