



California Legislature

September 27, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
President Pro Tempore
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Majority Whip
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Minority Whip
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear United States Senators,

As California Republican State Legislators, we urgently call on the U.S. Senate to immediately pass a clean, short-term funding extension to prevent a government shutdown that would deeply harm hardworking Americans across our state. With the September 30th funding deadline quickly approaching, we implore the U.S. Senate to fast track the clean, short-term extension that passed the U.S. House of Representatives with bipartisan support.

Holding federal government funding hostage is not just a Washington D.C. debate for political points – it has real and immediate consequences in every state across America that cannot be overlooked. From impacting pay for our troops, first responders, and firefighters to affecting critical services for seniors and veterans and disrupting food assistance for families in need, a

government shutdown would inflict severe consequences on the American people that are completely avoidable.

There is a solution on the table that U.S. Senate Democrats should support. After all, they did vote for this funding extension just six months ago. The clean funding extension provides stability for our military service members, veterans, and their families, as well as the continuity of low-income assistance programs. Allowing a shutdown would needlessly disrupt our economies, threaten public safety, and undermine public confidence in our institutions. Put simply, a government shutdown should not be used as political leverage to negotiate partisan reforms.

The proposed budget extension is a straightforward, bipartisan solution. There are no gimmicks or partisan poison pills. It is a clean, short-term funding measure that both parties have historically supported. In fact, under the Biden Administration, with Democrat leadership Congress passed 13 clean funding extensions, putting country over party. That precedent should be honored now.

A shutdown is neither a sustainable nor responsible way to govern and the American people understand that. That is why we are calling on U.S. Senate Democrats to fulfill their duties, put their politicking aside, and do what's best for the country: keep the government open. There is no path forward for the nearly \$1.5 trillion Democrat wish list that would include free healthcare for illegals and cuts to the single largest investment in rural health care.

We urge the U.S. Senate to do the right thing and act swiftly to pass a clean funding extension. The American people are relying on their leaders to put good governance over politics. For the sake of security and stability, we respectfully call on you to act without delay.

Sincerely,

The undersigned California Republican State Legislators:



Senator Megan Dahle, 1st District



Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil, 4th District



Senator Roger Niello, 6th District



Senator Shannon Grove, 12th District



Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, 19th District



Senator Suzette Valladares, 23rd District
Senate Republican Caucus Whip



Senator Kelly Seyarto, 32nd District
Senate Republican Caucus Chair



Senator Tony Strickland, 36th District



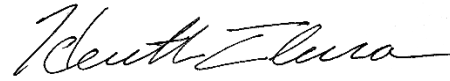
Senator Steven Choi, PhD, 37th District



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