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September 29, 2025

Via electronic delivery

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
President Pro Tempore
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Majority Whip
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Minority Whip
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senators,

On behalf of the Kentucky House of Representatives and the millions of Kentuckians we represent, we write to express our deep concern about the fast-approaching federal funding deadline on September 30 and to urge you to immediately pass a clean, short-term funding extension. A government shutdown would cause real and immediate harm to all Americans, and we urge you to work to take the steps necessary to avoid it.

For us, this is not an abstract political matter. It has the potential to cause very real harm. A government shutdown would impact pay for our troops at Fort Knox and Fort Campbell, first responders, and firefighters. It would also disrupt critical services for seniors and veterans, and other programs that make a major impact. These consequences are entirely avoidable, yet they would be felt in every community across the nation.

There is already a bipartisan solution available. The clean funding extension that passed the U.S. House of Representatives provides short-term stability while broader negotiations continue. Such extensions have been enacted many times under both Republican and Democratic leadership in order to ensure that the federal government continues to function while elected officials work out differences in specific policies.

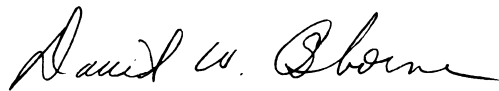
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It is irresponsible to use a shutdown as a political tactic. Kentuckians expect steady leadership, not brinkmanship, and they deserve the security of knowing that their government will continue to meet its obligations. Simply put, a government shutdown should never be used as political leverage to push partisan priorities.

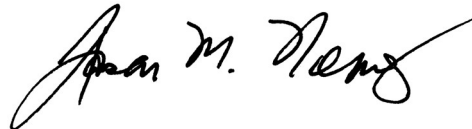
We respectfully call on you to put aside partisan divisions, act swiftly, and pass a clean funding extension. Doing so will protect our military families, our veterans, our seniors, and our most vulnerable citizens from unnecessary harm.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to the nation.

Sincerely,



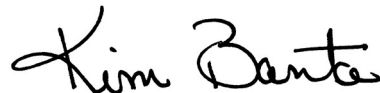
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Speaker of the House
59th District



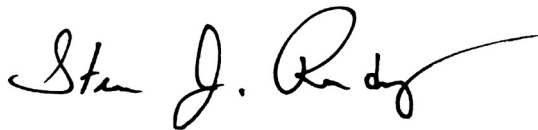
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House Majority Whip
33rd District



Rep. David Meade
House Speaker Pro Tem
80th District



Rep. Kim Banta
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Rep. Steven Rudy
House Majority Floor Leader
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Rep. Ryan Bivens
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Rep. John Blanton
92nd District



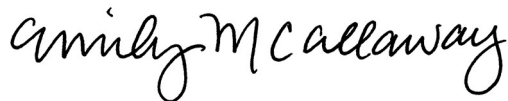
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68th District



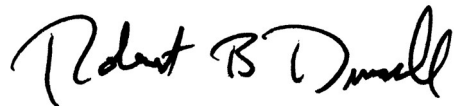
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96th District



Rep. Myron Dossett
9th District



Rep. Jim Gooch
12th District



Rep. Robert Duvall
17th District



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Rep. Vanessa Grossl
88th District



Rep. Mary Beth Imes
5th District



Rep. Tony Hampton
62nd District



Rep. DJ Johnson
13th District



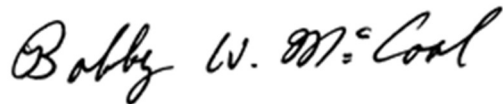
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Rep. Kim King
55th District



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Rep. Bobby McCool
97th District



Rep. Kim Holloway
2nd District



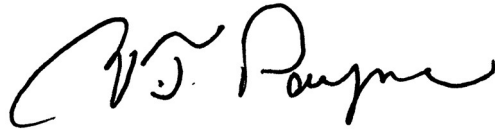
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Rep. Thomas Huff
49th District



Rep. Amy Neighbors
21st District



Rep. J.T. Payne
11th District



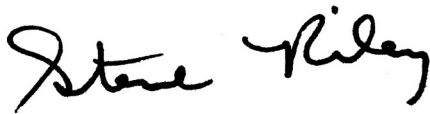
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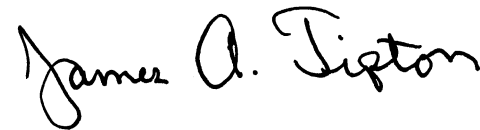
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8th District



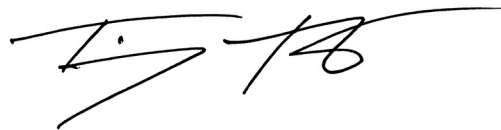
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23rd District




Rep. James Allen Tipton
53rd District



Rep. Scott Sharp
100th District



Rep. Timmy Truett
89th District



Rep. Tom O'Dell Smith
86th District



Rep. Ken Upchurch
52nd District

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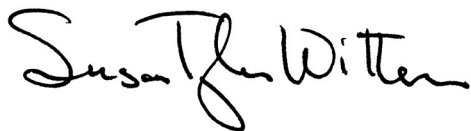
Rep. Bill Wesley
91st District

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Rep. Richard White
99th District

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Rep. Wade Williams
4th District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Witten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Rep. Susan Witten
31st District