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

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

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

Dear Senators,

As members of the New Jersey Senate Republican Caucus, we urgently call on the U.S. Senate to immediately pass a clean, short-term funding extension to prevent a federal government shutdown - an outcome that would have damaging consequences not only across the nation but right here in New Jersey.

With the September 30th funding deadline fast approaching, it is imperative that the Senate fast-track the clean continuing resolution that passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. A government shutdown is not just political posturing in Washington, D.C. - it has real and immediate consequences for New Jerseyans.

In New Jersey, a shutdown would mean reduced services for seniors and veterans, disruptions to federal food assistance programs that support thousands of families, and serious impacts on public safety, law enforcement, and emergency response efforts that depend on federal support and coordination. This is not a hypothetical threat - it's a looming disruption to essential services that keep our communities safe and functioning.

There is already a bipartisan solution on the table. The clean funding extension provides much-needed stability for veterans, working families, and critical public safety programs. Not long ago, Democrats in the Senate supported this very same funding approach. It's time to set aside partisan brinkmanship and put governance first.

Allowing a shutdown would also undermine New Jersey's economy, public safety, and the trust that residents place in our institutions. Our small businesses, local governments, and vulnerable populations

would bear the brunt of the consequences.

Let's be clear: a government shutdown should not be used as a bargaining chip to push through partisan priorities. The current proposal is a straightforward, bipartisan measure, free of political gimmicks or poison pills - something both parties have historically supported. Under the Biden administration alone, 13 clean continuing resolutions have been passed. That precedent of putting country before party should be honored now.

A shutdown is irresponsible, unsustainable, and unnecessary. We urge Senate Democrats to put aside political gamesmanship and act in the best interest of the American people - and of New Jerseyans. There is no viable path forward for a bloated \$1.5 trillion partisan package that includes controversial provisions like healthcare for undocumented immigrants while slashing investments critical to our rural and suburban communities.

We respectfully call on the U.S. Senate to act immediately and pass a clean short-term funding bill. New Jersey families, seniors, first responders, and taxpayers are counting on you.

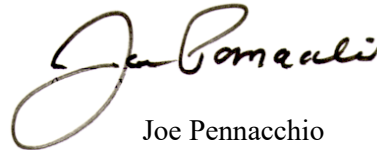
Sincerely,



Anthony M. Bucco
Senate Republican Leader



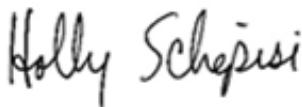
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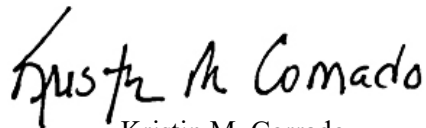
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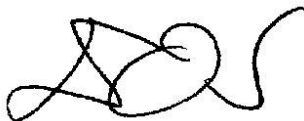
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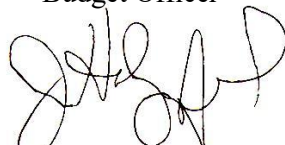
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