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September 28, 2025

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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The Honorable John Barrasso
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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Dear Senators,

As North Carolina state senators, we urgently call on the Senate to immediately pass a clean short-term funding extension to prevent a government shutdown that would deeply harm hardworking Americans. With the September 30 funding deadline quickly approaching, we implore the Senate to fast track the short-term extension the House of Representatives passed with bipartisan support.

Holding the federal government funding hostage to score political points 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.

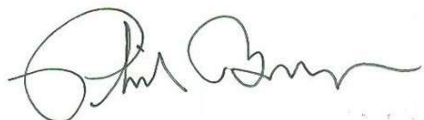
There is a solution on the table that Senate Democrats should support — after all, they did vote for this funding extension just six months ago. This funding extension provides stability for our military service members, veterans, and their families, as well as the continuity of low-income assistance programs. Allowing a shutdown would needlessly disrupt our economy, threaten public safety, and undermine public confidence in our institutions. Our families and communities would immediately feel the pain this shutdown would cause. Put simply, a government shutdown should not be used as political leverage to pass partisan reforms — these are not chips Congress should be bargaining with.

The proposed budget extension is a straightforward, bipartisan answer. There are no gimmicks or partisan poison pills; it's a short-term funding measure free from extraneous items both parties have historically supported. In fact, under the Biden Administration with Democrat leadership, Congress passed 13 funding extensions, putting country over party. That precedent should be honored now.

A shutdown is not sustainable or a responsible way to govern, and the American people know that. That is why we are calling on Senate Democrats to fulfill their duties, set politicking aside, and do what's best for the country: keep the government open. There is no path forward for the Democrats' nearly \$1.5 trillion wish list that would give free healthcare to illegals and cut the single largest investment in rural health care in history — critical funding delivered in the President's tax legislation that will improve rural health care nationwide.

We urge the Senate to do the right thing and act swiftly to pass the short-term 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,



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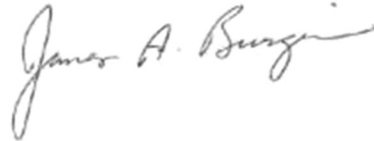
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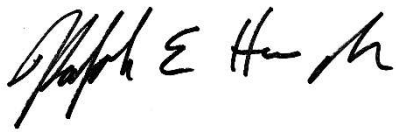
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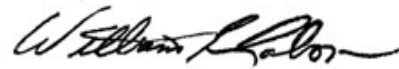
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