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OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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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,

As members of the Oregon Legislature, we write to urge you to take immediate action in Congress to prevent a federal government shutdown. With the September 30th funding deadline fast approaching, we ask you to act swiftly to support a clean, short-term funding extension that will protect Oregonians from the damaging consequences of a shutdown.

A shutdown is not an abstract Washington D.C. debate, it has real and immediate consequences here at home. A shutdown could delay paychecks for Oregon's federal workers, disrupt benefits for veterans and seniors, impact Oregon families relying on food assistance, and create uncertainty for small businesses and communities that depend on federal contracts.

The solution is straightforward: pass a clean, bipartisan, short-term funding measure to provide stability and certainty while longer-term negotiations continue. Such extensions have been used many times in the past by both parties, and there is precedent for putting country over politics in moments of fiscal brinkmanship. Allowing a shutdown now would needlessly threaten our economy, public safety, and the well-being of our constituents.

We strongly believe that Oregon families, businesses, and communities should not be used as leverage in partisan negotiations. The people we serve expect stability, not disruption. They deserve a federal

government that meets its obligations, pays its workers, and provides essential services without interruption.

We urge you, as Leaders in the Senate, to act immediately to ensure the federal government remains open and functioning. Oregonians are counting on your leadership to put governance before politics.

Sincerely,



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Senate Republican Leader
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House Republican Leader
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