



September 26, 2025

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

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,

The South Carolina House Republican Caucus urgently calls on the United States Senate to immediately pass a clean short-term funding extension to prevent a government shutdown. This shutdown would deeply harm hardworking Americans across our state. With the September 30th funding deadline quickly approaching, we implore the US Senate to fast track the clean short-term extension that passed the US House of Representatives with bipartisan support.

Holding federal funding hostage does not win political points in Washington D.C. or across America, it creates real and immediate consequences in every state 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 need to support now. Senate Democrats voted for this funding extension just six months ago and cannot turn their backs on the American people now. 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 consequently and needlessly disrupt our economies, threaten public safety, and undermine public confidence in our institutions. Our families and communities would feel the pain with immediate effect and confusion. 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 solution. There are no gimmicks or partisan poison pills; it's a clean, short-term funding measure that both parties have historically supported. Under the Biden Administration and Democrat leadership, Congress passed 13 clean funding extensions putting country over party. That precedent should be honored now.

A shutdown is neither sustainable nor a responsible way to govern and the American people are watching. That is why we are calling on Senate Democrats to fulfill their duties, put their politicking aside, and do what is best for the country: keep the government open. There is no path forward for the Democrats' nearly \$1.5 trillion wishlist that would give free healthcare for 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 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,

South Carolina House Republican Caucus



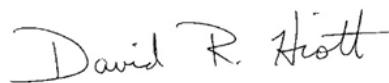
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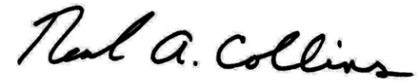
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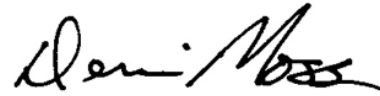
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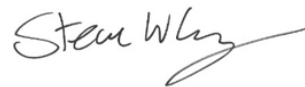
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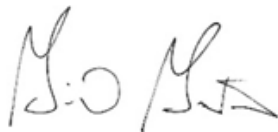
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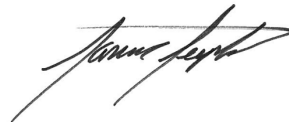
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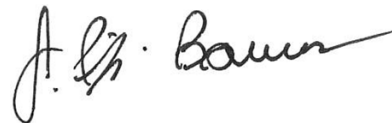
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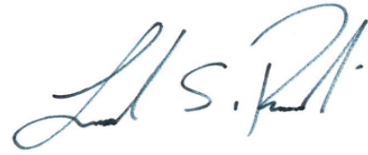
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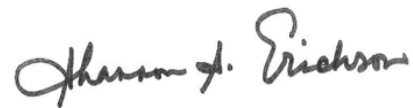
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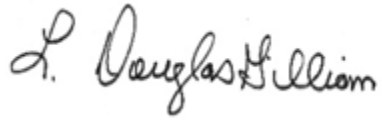
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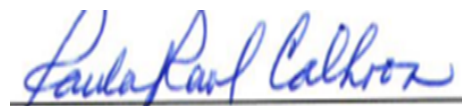
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