



**WYOMING SENATE PRESIDENT
BO BITEMAN**

September 26, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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. 20510

Dear Senators,

As members of the Wyoming State Senate, we write to urge you to put aside partisan differences and promptly pass the clean, short-term continuing resolution (CR) approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on September 19, 2025. This measure, the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2026, provides a critical 52-day extension to fund essential federal operations through November 21, 2025, ensuring the government remains open while allowing time for thoughtful deliberation on full-year appropriations.

Wyoming's citizens, like those across the nation, rely on the uninterrupted functioning of federal services—from support for our veterans and military families to critical infrastructure and public safety programs. A government shutdown would impose unnecessary hardship on our communities, disrupt vital services, and undermine public confidence in our federal institutions. The House-passed CR is a pragmatic, bipartisan solution that avoids these consequences and provides Congress the necessary time to negotiate comprehensive funding bills that reflect the priorities of all Americans.

What may seem to be a mere political battle or game of chicken to you, who are isolated inside the beltway, your action or inaction has very real consequence to the rest of us who will have to pay the price for this lack of statesmanship.

We recognize the challenges of navigating complex policy debates. However, delaying or obstructing a clean, short-term extension risks prioritizing political posturing over the immediate needs of the American people. As state legislators, we understand the importance of compromise and collaboration to deliver results to the people who elected us to serve them. We respectfully call on you to work together, as the House has done, to pass this clean CR and keep our federal government operational.

The people of Wyoming and the nation deserve leadership that rises above partisanship to ensure stability and continuity. We stand ready to support efforts to address long-term fiscal and policy challenges, but in the interim, we urge you to act swiftly to pass the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2026, and avoid a costly and avoidable shutdown. The people of Wyoming and our nation are watching.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and for your continued service to our nation.

Sincerely,

Senator Bo Biteman

President of the Wyoming Senate

Senator Tim Salazar

Vice President, Wyoming Senate

Senator Tara Nethercott

Majority Floor Leader, Wyoming Senate

Senator Jared Olsen

Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

Senator Ogden Driskill

Wyoming Senator and Former Senate President

Senator Dan Dockstader

Wyoming Senator and Former Senate President

Senator Eric Barlow

Wyoming Senator and Former Speaker of the House

Senator Stacy Jones

Wyoming Senator

Senator Taft Love

Wyoming Senator

CC:

The Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America

The Honorable J.D. Vance, Vice President of the United States of America

The Honorable Cynthia Lummis, U.S. Senator

The Honorable Harriet Hageman, U.S. Representative