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MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FROM: Russell T. Vought
Director

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SUBJECT: Status of Department of Homeland Security Operations

Appropriations provided for the Department of Homeland Security through the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026 (division H of Public Law 119-75) will expire at 11:59 pm tonight.

As it is now clear that Congress will not complete its work before the expiration of such appropriations, the Department of Homeland Security should now execute plans for an orderly shutdown. Employees should report to work for their next regularly scheduled tour of duty to undertake orderly shutdown activities.

The Administration is currently engaged in good faith negotiations with the Congress to address recently raised concerns to complete appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026. In response to those concerns, the administration accepted a bipartisan proposal that completed full-year appropriations for the bulk of the discretionary budget while providing a clean, two-week extension for the Department of Homeland Security. That extension expires on February 13.

The Administration received a list of approximately 15 demands in 10 subject areas from the Democratic leadership on Wednesday, February 4, nearly two weeks after Democrats announced their intention to block the conferenced Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland appropriations bill. Congressional Democrats followed those demands with legislative text on Saturday, February 7. The White House then responded with a proposal on Monday, February 9. On Wednesday, February 11, the White House transmitted legislative text that included detailed, substantive, and reasonable proposals on Department of Homeland Security enforcement operations. On Thursday, February 12, Tom Homan announced the end of Operation Metro Surge.

The Administration will continue to seek good-faith, bipartisan solutions to complete the appropriations process and avoid another damaging government shutdown. As you know,

immigration enforcement and border security operations have ample funding provided through the Working Families Tax Cut Act.

The Department should continue to closely monitor developments, and OMB will provide further guidance as appropriate. We will issue another memorandum indicating that Department functions should resume once the President has signed a bill providing for appropriations.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and the work you and your Department do on behalf of the American people.