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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 7744 – Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026

(Rep. Cole, R-OK)

The Administration strongly supports passage of H.R. 7744, which makes appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the fiscal year (FY) ending September 30, 2026, enacting this legislation would end the nearly three-week shutdown of DHS and provide funding that is critical to ensuring the safety and security of the American people during a time of heightened threats.

On February 3, 2026, the President signed into law H.R. 7148, which included a two-week continuing resolution (CR) for DHS to provide additional time for appropriations negotiations to progress. Unfortunately, this CR expired after February 13th and DHS funding lapsed. Now, critical national security missions are being unnecessarily strained. Meanwhile, Democrats have unreasonably refused the Administration's good faith attempts to find compromise and fully fund DHS for FY 2026.

It is imperative that the Congress end the DHS shutdown and fund the salaries of the hundreds of thousands of men and women responsible for protecting the homeland. Currently, over 100,000 dedicated DHS employees are working without being paid mere months after the longest Government shutdown in American history. Those working without compensation include tens of thousands of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees providing security at airports, Coast Guard staff working to protect our shores, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) employees responding to and planning for disasters.

Notably, the current DHS shutdown disrupts FEMA's disaster recovery efforts, furloughing personnel who coordinate with local partners, and halting disaster critical preparedness activities, including first responder training and hurricane season planning. In addition to funding these critical operations, H.R. 7744 would provide \$26 billion in critical funding to replenish FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund, which has been depleted in the wake of devastating natural disasters.

Moreover, two-thirds of the workforce at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) have been furloughed, severely straining its ability to protect the Nation against nefarious cyber actors. While 94 percent of Secret Service personnel will continue working, the shutdown stalls essential reforms in areas like airspace security, training, hiring, and technology, and inhibits Secret Service's ability to provide critical training to State and local partners.

The Administration urges Congress to end the DHS shutdown and promptly pass funding for FY 2026.

If this bill were presented to the President in its current form, his senior advisors would recommend that he sign it into law.
