

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 14, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Minority Leader Schumer:

As members of the House Democratic Caucus, we write to express our strong opposition to the passage of a partisan continuing resolution that potentially legitimizes President Trump and the Republican party's dismantling of government. The Republican leadership has deliberately cut Democrats out of the process, and we must not give in to Republican hostage-taking of our vulnerable seniors, veterans, and working-class families to advance their destructive funding bill. If Republicans in Congress want to pass this bill, they should do so with their own votes. However, since they cannot, Republicans must work with Democrats to pass a clean 30-day continuing resolution and continue negotiating full FY25 appropriations.

Republicans have made clear that their primary objective is to continue illegally shuttering critical government functions while weaponizing the appropriations process to advance extreme, partisan policies and completely disregarding the needs of the American people. Republicans have continually refused to negotiate in good faith and reject bipartisan compromise while catering to President Trump and Elon Musk's extreme agenda to dismantle the federal government from within.

The American people sent Democrats to Congress to fight against Republican dysfunction and chaos. Instead of capitulating to their obstruction, we must fight for a regular FY25 appropriations measure that reflects our nation's values to provide uninterrupted access to life-saving government services. We urge you to reject the partisan continuing resolution coming before the Senate and stand with the American people in opposing these draconian Republican cuts. All parties must come back to the negotiating table and work across party lines to keep the government open in a responsible way.

Sincerely,

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