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

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Majority Whip
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Minority Whip
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senators,

As members of the Alabama Legislature, we urgently call on the U.S. Senate to immediately pass a short-term funding extension to prevent a government shutdown that would severely harm hardworking Alabamians. This situation is entirely avoidable, as the Senate still has ample time to fast track the clean short-term extension that passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support.

While holding federal funding hostage might seem like a viable strategy for advancing partisan reforms, the actual outcome is devastating for the everyday Americans you swore an oath to serve. In Alabama, we have more than 400,000 veterans who depend on federally funded services. Similarly, military personnel — **the men and women defending our country** — depend on their hard-earned pay to support their families. But that isn't even the half of it — a shutdown would negatively impact public safety in our state, interrupt critical services for seniors and low-income families, and much more. The bottom line is that Alabama — like every other state — relies heavily on federal funding to serve its citizens, and these are not chips Congress should be bargaining with.

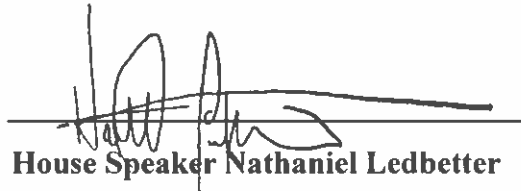
There is a solution on the table that Senate Democrats should support, after all they did vote for this funding extension just six months ago. There are no gimmicks or partisan poison pills; it's a clean, short-term funding measure that both parties have historically supported. In fact, under the Biden Administration with 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 understand that. That is why we are calling on Senate Democrats to fulfill their duties, put their politicking behind, and do what's 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,



House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter



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