

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Appropriations**  
**Washington, DC 20515-6015**

March 14, 2025

Dear Minority Leader Schumer,

As members of the House Committee on Appropriations, we urge our Democratic colleagues in the Senate to reject the partisan and harmful continuing resolution that will only serve to enable President Trump, Elon Musk, and the Republican Party's ongoing efforts to unilaterally and unlawfully destroy the agencies and programs that serve the American people.

The American people are outraged as they witness the shocking and appalling consequences of the Trump Administration's actions across the country, and they do not share the Administration's viewpoint that Elon Musk and President Trump have the ability to steal funds appropriated by Congress in law, dismantle agencies created by Congress, and fire civil servants without cause. This bill does nothing to drive down the cost of living and fails to recognize the struggles of American families and businesses.

House Republicans openly admitted in interviews and on social media that they supported this continuing resolution because they expect President Trump to break the law and continue his pillaging of our government; 212 House Democrats voted against this continuing resolution for the same exact reason. We cannot acquiesce to Republicans' lawless destruction of our government, and we cannot forfeit Congress's Constitutional authority to dictate federal spending.

Article I of the United States Constitution is clear: Appropriations or the "power of the purse" is exclusively the prerogative of Congress. The Supreme Court, the Department of Justice, and the Government Accountability Office have reiterated and affirmed this fact throughout our nation's history. But the Trump Administration has explicitly, by their own admission, chosen to break the law and undermine the Constitution, because they believe the executive has the sole authority to dictate federal spending.

Congressional Democrats must defend the rights and powers of the offices we were elected to hold. Congressional Democrats must fight for our constituents and for the American people against a White House that sees itself as above the law. We urge all Senate Democrats to stand with House Democrats and with the American people, reject this continuing resolution, and force House and Senate Republicans back to the negotiating table so we can pass full-year funding bills that shield our investments in the American people from the Trump Administration.

Sincerely,



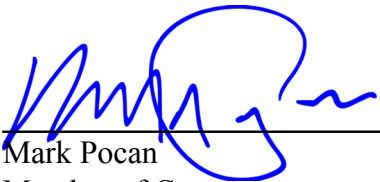
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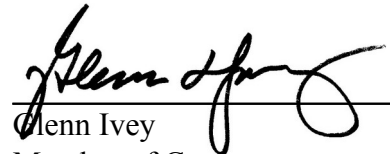
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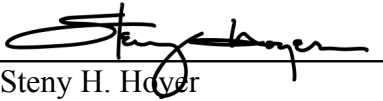
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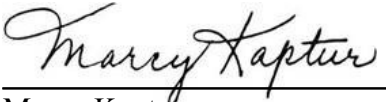
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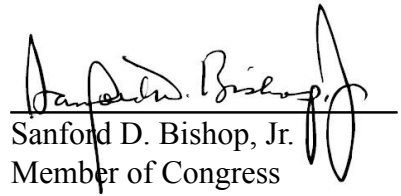
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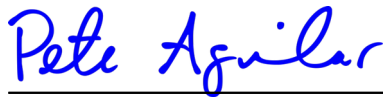
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