

## SENATE OF VIRGINIA



September 30, 2025

The Honorable Mark R. Warner  
United States Senate  
703 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine  
United States Senate  
231 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner and Senator Kaine,

On behalf of the Virginia Senate Republican Caucus, we write to urge you to support the passage of a clean Continuing Resolution to prevent a government shutdown in Washington. As former Governors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, you both understand the importance of responsible budgeting and the harm that uncertainty in government operations brings to families, workers, and communities.

In Virginia, we are bound by a balanced budget amendment in our Constitution. Year after year, this requirement compels us to work diligently across party lines to ensure that we pass a budget without interrupting the critical functions of government. Virginians rightly expect the same level of responsibility from their leaders in Washington.

A government shutdown, even a temporary one, creates unnecessary instability. While federal employees will eventually receive retroactive pay, the disruption of their paychecks inflicts real hardship on families who depend on consistent income to meet their obligations. Virginia is home to many federal employees and contractors, and their wellbeing is directly tied to your decisions in the United States Senate. A shutdown would ripple through our economy, impacting not only federal workers but also small businesses and local communities that rely on their purchasing power.

It is important to be clear about why our nation is facing the threat of a shutdown. The Democrat Leader, Senator Chuck Schumer, has chosen political theater over working toward a reasonable solution. Their proposal is loaded with nearly \$1.5 trillion in partisan demands, a political wish list that has no chance of passing. By pursuing this reckless strategy, Democrats are putting

Virginia families, veterans, federal workers, and law enforcement at risk simply to appease their activist base.

We strongly encourage you, as leaders who know firsthand the importance of fiscal discipline, to put politics aside and ensure that the Senate passes a clean Continuing Resolution. Virginia families, federal employees, and communities deserve certainty and stability, not brinkmanship and disruption.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter and for your service to the Commonwealth and the nation.

Respectfully,



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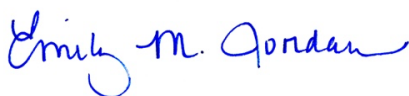
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