

AG Fitch Leads 26-AG Coalition, Urging Senate to Prevent Government Shutdown



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(Jackson, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch led a coalition of 26 Attorneys General urging the United States Senate to pass a short-term continuing resolution and avoid a government shutdown.

“Instead of coming to the table with practical solutions, Democrats are playing a political game that threatens federal operations, national security, and vital services that millions of Americans rely on,” **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch.** “They are taking risky chances with the safety and wellbeing of the American people for a hyper-partisan agenda. We urge Senate Democrats to do the responsible thing and pass a clean, commonsense funding extension right away.”

In the letter, the Attorneys General write, “A clean, short-term continuing resolution keeps the government functioning at current levels to give the parties time to negotiate. CRs may not be the ideal way for governments to operate, but they are the responsible thing to do under the circumstances. This commonsense option keeps the servicemen and women, border agents, and TSA screeners who keep us safe paid. It keeps grant funding for state and local law enforcement and first responders going. And while Social Security checks would still be mailed out in a shutdown, benefit verification and card issuance would pause, affecting seniors in potentially dire ways. A government shutdown would disrupt our economy, threaten public safety, and further erode the people’s confidence in public institutions, but all of that is entirely avoidable.”

The Attorneys General continue, “The irony is that under the Biden Administration with Democrat leadership, Congress passed 13 clean funding extensions. In fact, only weeks ago, Democrats were pressing for just this yet again – a clean, short-term continuing resolution to keep government working while Congress negotiated the budget. But now, at the eleventh hour, that is apparently not enough, and Democrats are holding all of government hostage, seeking a \$1.5-trillion ransom, laden with poison-pill riders and partisan policy initiatives.”

Attorneys General from the following States joined the letter: Mississippi, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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