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

Dear Leader Schumer,

We write to request urgent humanitarian assistance for the Americans we represent. If the government shutdown drags on past Halloween, millions of Americans – including 1.4 million in Ohio – will lose access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). That means working parents, senior citizens and people with disabilities will be left wondering how to put food on the table while Washington argues.

This does not need to happen. Congress can stop the threat right now by passing a clean continuing resolution that keeps essential services funded and protects those who rely on them. You have the power to prevent a crisis that is entirely avoidable.

As you have said yourself, keeping the government open requires cooperation, not partisanship. That principle should apply now more than ever. A clean resolution is not a political concession; it is the responsible thing to do. Congress has passed such measures 13 times – including once last year – under unified Democratic control. Refusing to do so now is not leadership; it's leverage at the expense of the most vulnerable.

SNAP is one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent hunger in America. Letting those benefits lapse while political negotiations drag on would send the wrong message to every working parent and senior who plays by the rules.

There are over 41.7 million Americans who depend on SNAP for sustenance. Included in that number are nearly 15.6 million people from the 19 states whose Attorneys General have signed on to this letter and implore you to leave the politicking for another day.

We urge you to act quickly and do what you know is right. A clean continuing resolution would prevent avoidable harm and show that Washington can still come together to help those who need it most. The American people deserve a government that can agree at least on that.

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