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The Honorable John Thune Majority Leader U.S. Senate S-230, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

March 4, 2025

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Speaker Johnson:

President Trump campaigned on a promise to the American people to reduce the size and scope of the federal government, and his resounding victory last November confirms he has been given a mandate by our constituents to make good on that promise. His clear message that taxpayers deserve to know not only how their money is being spent, but also that it is being spent responsibly, resonated with voters. The President has wasted no time in delivering on that promise, working through the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to identify and freeze wasteful government spending that is contrary to the best interests of the American people. As Republicans, the task before us is to work with the White House to protect and advance this important work.

With the March 14th government funding deadline rapidly approaching, we are deeply concerned about recent reports of Democrats' demands for a government funding agreement that would perpetuate the unsustainable status quo of wasteful spending. Rather than negotiating in good faith to find a solution that keeps the government open, we understand that Democrats are insisting that any government funding deal include policy provisions that would tie the hands of the President and prohibit DOGE from continuing their efforts to promote transparency and accountability in government spending. It has become clear that many Congressional Democrats would prefer a government shutdown rather than even attempt to rein in bloated federal bureaucracies.

We stand ready to work with you to ensure that the government remains open in a way that preserves President Trump's options to root out wasteful government spending and fully continues DOGE's important work. However, we will not support a government funding package that would be weaponized against President Trump at the very moment he is seeking to make good on the promises he made to the American

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people. Any attempt to use government funding legislation to dilute the President's constitutional authority to save taxpayer dollars must be rejected outright.

A bloated federal bureaucracy and unsupervised, unaccountable federal spending have contributed to the existential fiscal threat our country faces, with a \$36 trillion national debt growing because of perennial budget deficits. Our country cannot afford to allow Democrats to frustrate President Trump's work to rein in government spending and bring needed and long-overdue accountability to Washington. We look forward to working with you to resist these attempts, and ensure that the President can continue to deliver on his mandate.

Sincerely,

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