

September 7, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
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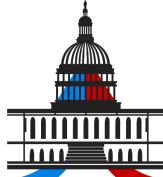
Dear Speaker McCarthy, Minority Leader Jeffries, Majority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader McConnell:

We, as Executive Council of the Problem Solvers Caucus, are concerned about the fast-approaching September 30 deadline to fund the government. The lack of progress on an appropriations package has created a real possibility for a government shutdown, which will affect millions of hard-working families and our service members. A government shutdown will put at risk military pay and benefits, progress on defense and infrastructure projects, federal food inspections, the safety of our nation's transportation, and will cost jobs, profits, and economic growth.

Hyper-partisan rhetoric and extremism have harmed our legislative process, and our ability to protect America's economy and national security.

The House has 11 legislative days left before the fiscal year ends; the Senate has 15.

For the good of our country, the Executive Council of the Problem Solvers Caucus urges House and Senate leadership to put differences aside and sit down together in the spirit of bipartisanship every single day until a solution is reached.



Problem Solvers Caucus

Sincerely,

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