

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** OMB Legislative Affairs  
**Date:** April 28, 2026  
**Re:** Congress Must Pass S. Con. Res. 33 Immediately

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**TOPLINE:** Restoring funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has never been more urgent, as demonstrated by recent events. DHS will soon run out of critical operating funds, placing essential personnel and operations at risk. Accordingly, the House should promptly pass S. Con. Res. 33, as passed by the Senate, to enable swift advancement of a reconciliation bill that would fully fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol for the remainder of President Trump's term.

**BUDGET RESOLUTION:** Congressional Democrats have abdicated their responsibility to fund the government, opting instead to shut down DHS in an attempt to protect violent criminal illegal aliens and undermine President Trump's highly successful border security agenda. The Trump Administration and congressional Republicans stand united in their refusal to acquiesce to Democrat intransigence, which means Republicans must use the reconciliation process to fund ICE and Border Patrol's base operations.

Last week, the Senate passed a narrowly tailored budget resolution (S. Con. Res. 33) to enable a targeted reconciliation bill providing full funding for ICE and Border Patrol through FY 2029. Funding for these components has already undergone review under the Byrd process, paving the way for swift passage of the reconciliation measure. While the Administration looks forward to working with the Congress on additional party-line legislation in the future, adding extraneous measures to the Senate-passed resolution will introduce unnecessary delays in reconciliation and jeopardize paychecks for DHS personnel.

**DHS PAY:** Since the beginning of the radical Democrat shutdown, DHS has paid law enforcement officers, including Secret Service, ICE agents, Border Patrol agents, and Coast Guard personnel using available funding. In response to the emergency situation the Democrat shutdown created for air travel and national security, President Trump issued two Presidential Memoranda to pay Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees and remaining unpaid DHS personnel.

President Trump's decisive actions to pay all DHS personnel unquestionably strengthened our homeland security and alleviated the chaos created by Democrats. However, the funding used to pay DHS personnel will soon run out if Congress does not act quickly. **If this funding is exhausted, the Administration will be unable to pay all DHS personnel beginning in May, which will once again unleash havoc on air travel, leave critical law enforcement officers—including our brave Secret Service agents—and the Coast Guard without paychecks, and jeopardize national security.** Combined with the swift passage of the Senate amendment to H.R. 7147, the reconciliation bill made possible by S. Con. Res. 33 will ensure that *all* DHS employees will receive pay and that normal DHS operations will once again be fully funded.

**BOTTOM LINE:** It is imperative that Congress immediately fund DHS and its critical operations to protect the Homeland. Immediate passage of S. Con. Res. 33, as passed by the Senate, will ensure swift passage of a reconciliation bill to fund ICE and Border Patrol for the remainder of the President's term. Failure to pass the budget resolution immediately will jeopardize paychecks for the DHS personnel that keep the Homeland safe.