

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 24, 2025

The Honorable Michael Bennet
Senator
261 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Hickenlooper
Senator
316 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper,

We write to express our deep concern regarding your continuing opposition to supporting the bipartisan, clean Continuing Resolution (CR) that the House passed over a month ago with our support. Instead of putting your partisanship aside to protect Coloradans, you have repeatedly voted to keep the government shut down.

Throughout your years in public service, both of you have supported clean CRs as a responsible way to keep the government open while Congress continues negotiations on long-term, bipartisan funding bills—including 13 times under the Biden administration. Your recent votes depart from that precedent and risk undermining the stability and reliability of the institutions you have long defended.

This shutdown is already having tangible effects across Colorado. Because of your continued opposition:

- Many of the 55,000 federal employees in our state are facing financial hardship¹
- “More than 600,000 Coloradans may struggle to eat next month” if SNAP is not funded³
- Food pantry visits by military families have increased 30%⁴
- Important Veterans Affairs programs have been paused⁵
- Over \$36 million in FEMA emergency preparedness and disaster relief funding to address wildfire and flooding damage in Colorado is on hold.⁶
- Colorado’s GDP is decreasing \$289 million per week.⁷

¹ <https://coloradosun.com/2025/10/15/colorado-federal-employees-shutdown-2025/>

² <https://coloradosun.com/2025/10/11/federal-workers-colorado-unemployment-government-shutdown/>

³ <https://www.cpr.org/2025/10/17/snap-benefits-running-out-colorado-officials-sound-alarm/>

⁴ <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/10/09/food-pantry-visits-military-families-climb-over-30-government-shutdown-began.html>

⁵ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2025/10/14/departments-veterans-affairs-government-shutdown/86686684007/>

⁶ <https://www.cpr.org/2025/10/14/fema-funds-on-hold-government-shutdown/>

⁷ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/10/all-50-states-will-see-devastating-economic-hit-in-democrat-shutdown/>

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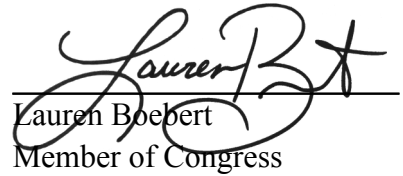
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Thankfully, President Trump has taken strong steps to pay our troops and protect the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. But the situation will continue to deteriorate until Congress acts. We strongly urge you to put Colorado first and support the clean, bipartisan funding bill to reopen the government. Until then, our constituents will continue to suffer because of your inaction.

Sincerely,



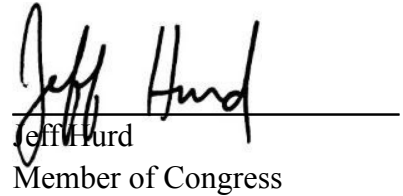
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