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House Republicans Pass a Continuing Resolution that Hands Congressional Powers to the White House

Washington, D.C. – Today, the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE-IAM) is responding to the Continuing Resolution passed on party lines by the House of Representatives this evening.

House Republicans have effectively surrendered their constitutional authority to the White House by approving a continuing resolution (CR) that grants the administration a "blank check" to fund the government through the end of the fiscal year. This reckless move hands unchecked power to the executive branch, bypassing Congress's role in shaping government spending and policy. By doing so, they have abdicated their responsibility to ensure fiscal accountability and uphold the separation of powers, allowing the Trump administration to continue its pattern of unwarranted firings of federal workers, unlawful closures of programs and agencies, and unchecked violations of federal law by its appointees.

Rather than exercising their constitutional duty to serve as a check on the executive branch, Republicans have actively enabled an administration that disregards legal and constitutional constraints. The Constitution mandates that Congress oversee federal spending and executive actions. Yet, instead of providing necessary oversight, Republicans have allowed the White House to dictate funding and policy without any language of restraint in CR. This failure undermines the checks and balances safeguarding our democracy, replacing accountability with political submission.

“Speaker Johnson and the Republican Caucus are ready to do the bidding for President Trump at any expense to our system of government,” stated NFFE National President Randy Erwin. “By abandoning their legislative authority, House and Senate Republicans have enabled a dangerous concentration of power in the executive branch, eroding the constitutional protections designed to prevent authoritarian rule.”

“To make matters worse, Republicans used the threat of a devastating government shutdown to coerce the American people into accepting their surrender of congressional power,” continued Erwin. “Rather than negotiating in good faith or upholding their duty to ensure responsible governance, they resorted to political extortion—demanding that Americans tolerate the Trump administration’s constitutional violations or face the economic and social fallout of a shutdown. The House Republican betrayal of their oath to uphold the Constitution is a direct attack on the democratic principles they swore to protect.”

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