

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 30, 2022

Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20150

Dear Leader McConnell:

On November 8, 2022, the American people made their voices heard at the ballot box. Using the Democratic process, millions of Americans sent a message – they want divided power in Washington to curb the worst excesses of both parties.

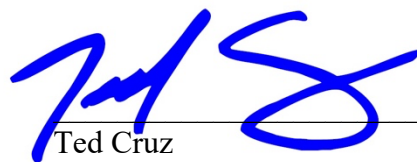
The undersigned stand with the voters. We believe it would be both imprudent, and a reflection of poor leadership, for Republicans to ignore the will of the American people and rubber stamp an omnibus spending bill that funds ten more months of President Biden's agenda without any check on his reckless policies that have led to a 40-year high in inflation. Since taking office, President Biden has overseen a \$4.8 trillion increase in the national deficit, costing the average American household an estimated \$753 more a month. It should be up to the new Congress to set spending priorities for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Now is the time for Republicans to get serious about leading America towards a better future. The current Continuing Resolution funds the federal government through December 16, 2022. We must not accept anything other than a short-term Continuing Resolution that funds the federal government until shortly after the 118th Congress is sworn in. No additional spending, no additional policy priorities should be included. Any urgent items that require the Senate's attention should be considered separately and under their own terms.


Sincerely,



Michael S. Lee
United States Senator



Ted Cruz
United States Senator



Rick Scott
United States Senator



Mike Braun
United States Senator