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"NO SECURITY, NO FUNDING"

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the House Freedom Caucus released the following official position on the possible Continuing Resolution before the expiration of government funding on September 30.

"As Congress continues to work to pass appropriations bills, we must rein in the reckless inflationary spending, and the out-of-control federal bureaucracy it funds, crushing the American people. We remain committed to restoring the true FY 2022 topline spending level of \$1.471 trillion without the use of gimmicks or reallocated rescissions to return the bureaucracy to its pre-COVID size while allowing for adequate defense funding.

However, when Congress returns to Washington, we will have just a few days before government funding expires on September 30, and time is rapidly running out to enact all 12 appropriations bills.

Therefore, in the eventuality that Congress must consider a short-term extension of government funding through a Continuing Resolution, we refuse to support any such measure that continues Democrats' bloated COVID-era spending and simultaneously fails to force the Biden Administration to follow the law and fulfill its most basic responsibilities. Any support for a "clean" Continuing Resolution would be an affirmation of the current FY 2023 spending level grossly increased by the lame-duck December 2022 omnibus spending bill that we all vehemently opposed just seven months ago.

We will oppose any spending measure that fails to...

- 1. Include the House-passed "Secure the Border Act of 2023" to cease the unchecked flow of illegal migrants, combat the evils of human trafficking, and stop the flood of dangerous fentanyl into our communities;
- 2. Address the unprecedented weaponization of the Justice Department and FBI to focus them on prosecuting real criminals instead of conducting political witch hunts and targeting law-abiding citizens; and
- 3. End the Left's cancerous woke policies in the Pentagon undermining our military's core warfighting mission.

Furthermore, we will oppose any attempt by Washington to revert to its old playbook of using a series of short-term funding extensions designed to push Congress up against a December deadline to force the passage of yet another monstrous, budget busting, pork filled, lobbyist handout omnibus spending bill at year's end and we will use every procedural tool necessary to prevent that outcome.

Lastly, we will oppose any blank check for Ukraine in any supplemental appropriations bill."

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