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Dear Members of Congress,

We are writing to demand that you stop the Trump Administration's illegal and unilateral pocket rescissions, protect the integrity of past and future federal funding agreements, and restore funds that have been stripped away from communities.

Anything less is a betrayal of Congressional authority and will cause further harm to people, communities, and local economies throughout the country.

Across the country, American families are struggling. Household finances are being squeezed by rising costs in housing, transportation, energy, food, and health care. The funds that have been rescinded without Congressional authority hit the very programs meant to ease those burdens. These rescissions strike at the heart of our daily lives — particularly the cost of transportation and housing, the two highest expenses for most households.

The cuts are not abstract. They are having real and devastating impacts across the country. From rural communities to urban neighborhoods, from Georgia and Alabama to Pennsylvania, New York, and Oregon, the administration has targeted and cancelled funding for projects providing essential infrastructure and economic relief. These projects make it easier for people to utilize more affordable modes of transportation to access jobs, healthcare, and other essential services, for farmers to provide food banks and the food-insecure families that visit them with their produce. . These include grants from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), many of which have already been awarded and are ready to deliver real, tangible improvements.

The decision to cancel or defund these grants is not only unpopular and ineffective — it is illegal.

Let's be clear: These rescissions are not backed by the majority of Members of Congress or Senators, nor would they ever survive the legislative process. That is precisely why the administration has resorted to circumventing Congress, breaking both precedent and the law in the process. This is not only a breach of public trust, but a constitutional crisis in real time. Arbitrary and capricious acts like these rip up the rule of law and undermine the very foundation of congressional power over the purse. In addition, it impedes the ability for state and local governments to seek discretionary federal funding.

Because of that, we call on Congress to take the following actions immediately:

1. Include explicit language in the Continuing Resolution (CR) and upcoming funding bills blocking any attempt to cancel or undermine legally awarded federal grants.
2. Require that all previously awarded grants — especially under the IIJA — be honored at their full project scope as authorized and appropriated by Congress.
3. Prevent similar unilateral rescissions from occurring in the future by enforceably reasserting Congressional authority and oversight.
4. Extend the availability of the funding for IIJA programs whose funding is expiring on Sept 30, 2025.

Considering the lack of safeguards to hold the administration to account for their disregard of existing appropriations, the bill that recently passed the House was anything but a clean CR. A significant amount of damage has already been done. Rescissions have impeded implementation, yanked away funding from shovel-ready projects, and left communities in limbo.

If Congress cannot agree to uphold its own funding agreements through its next federal funding bill, then why should the American people — or their local governments — put their trust in any future negotiations, including the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization?

That is why the next Continuing Resolution must not only protect congressional intent and power, but also must restore the funding promised to communities in red and blue states.

This moment demands more than words. It demands action. Protect the American people. Protect Congress's power. And protect the communities counting on your leadership.

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