

September 4, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Prohibit Partisan Rescissions

Dear Minority Leader Schumer:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to ensure that the upcoming appropriations legislation prohibits partisan rescissions under the Impoundment Control Act. Congressional Republicans have made it clear that even if Congress were to pass a continuing resolution to maintain current funding levels, they would later use the backdoor rescissions process to cut key programs on a partisan basis. This threatens to eliminate our communities' access to public education, basic healthcare, clean water, safe food, and fair, affordable housing.

We've already seen the Trump administration illegally withhold Congressionally-provided bipartisan funding intended for critical programs. The Trump administration is intent on eliminating more funding via the partisan rescission process — cuts that are harming the everyday lives of tens of millions of residents.

This is your one opportunity to protect critical programs. Senator Merkley has offered an amendment that would protect against those partisan rescissions in the FY2026 appropriations bills. You must ensure that any appropriations legislation includes this language. Unlike the partisan rescissions under the Impoundment Control Act, the appropriations bill requires your support.

The impact of these rescissions falls on every American family and is most felt by underserved communities including Black communities. We urge you to leverage your power and withhold your support of any appropriations bill that fails to protect the provided funding from rescissions under the Impoundment Control Act.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

American Civil Liberties Union
American Federation of Teachers
Americans for Financial Reform
Campaign for Lead Free Water
Center for Biological Diversity

Center For Food Safety
Clean Water Action
Climate Communications Coalition
Climate Defenders
Climate Hawks Vote

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

Corporate Accountability

Food & Water Watch

Free Press Action

Friends of the Earth Action

Green The Church

GreenFaith

Greenpeace USA

Indivisible - National

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF)

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Homelessness Law Center

National Nurses United

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Oil Change International

Our Revolution

Oxfam America

People's Action Institute

Popular Democracy

Presente.org

Progressive Democrats of America (PDA)

Public Citizen

Stand.earth

Sunrise Movement

The Story of Stuff Project

UltraViolet Action

Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community

United Native Americans

Wildlife for All

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom US

198 methods

350.org

Regional

AFGE Local 704

Center for Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health

No Pipeline Expansion Northeast (NOPE-NE)

Alabama

The People's Justice Council

Arizona

PSR Arizona

Arkansas

Visibility Outreach Touch Engage South Arkansas

California

350 Bay Area Action

350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley

Consumer Watchdog

Local Clean Energy Alliance

Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy

Long Beach Gray Panthers

Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

Ocean Conservation Research

Oil and Gas Action Network

San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility

Seven Circles Foundation

SLO CLEAN WATER

Sunflower Alliance

Therapists for Peace & Justice

Colorado

Unite North Metro Denver

Wall of Women

Connecticut

BLM860 (Grassroots Hartford)

GTA860 (Good Trouble Advocates)

No Pipeline Expansion in The Northeast

The Climate Reality Project, Southern CT Chapter

Delaware

Sussex Health & Environmental Network

Florida

Catalyst Miami

Earth Ethics, Inc.

Okaloosa County Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida

P.E.E.R. Group

People Power United

Georgia

Georgia Coalition for the Peoples Agenda

Hawaii

350Hawaii

Idaho

Western Watersheds Project

Illinois

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Champaign-Urbana

Greater Highland Area Concerned

Highland Area Concerned Citizens

Iowa

Des Moines County Farmers and Neighbors for Optimal Health

Iowa Alliance for Responsible Agriculture

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.

Progress Iowa

Kansas

Physicians for Social Responsibility Kansas City

Maryland

Baltimore Phil Berrigan Memorial Veterans For Peace

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Maryland

Massachusetts

Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc

Boston Catholic Climate Movement

Grandmothers' Village Project, Inc.

Jewish Climate Action Network, MA

Lower Cape Indivisible

Mothers Out Front Massachusetts

Third Act MA

Michigan

Cheboygan County Democratic Party

Cities of Peace, Detroit

Flow Water Advocates

Freshwater Future

Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation

Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council

Straits Area Concerned Citizens for Peace, Justice and Environment

We the People of Detroit

Minnesota

CURE

New Jersey

350 NJ-Rockland
Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE)
Greater NJ Gateway Chapter of the Climate Reality Project
Clinicians for Climate Action NJ (CCANJ)
Comeback Farm Organic Produce
Don't Gas the Meadowlands
Franciscan Response to Fossil Fuels
Indivisible Cranbury
Merchantville Democratic Committee
Merchantville Progressive Democrats
Metuchen-Edison-Piscataway Area Branch - NAACP
MoveOn.org HobokenRESIST!
Newark Water Coalition
North Bergen Earth Talks
North Jersey Pipeline Walkers
Occupy Bergen County
SOMA Action
South Jersey Progressive Democrats
The Wei LLC
Third Act New Jersey
Unitarian Universalist Faith Action NJ
Waterspirit

New Mexico

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
New Mexico & El Paso Interfaith Power and Light
Partnership for Earth Spirituality
SEED of SW NM
UUJEC

New York

350Brooklyn
350NYC

Assemble Long Island
Bend the Arc - Jewish Action Long Island
Big Reuse
CCOHOPE INDIVISIBLE
Church Women United in New York State
Citizen Action of New York
CLUW
Concerned Residents of Oxford
CorporateCampaign, Inc.
Dominican Sisters of Sparkill
Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Gen X for Justice
Grassroots Environmental Education
Green Party of Nassau County
Green Party of New York
iEat Green, LLC
Indivisible Brooklyn
Indivisible Rockland
Indivisible Rochester
Indivisible Scarsdale
Indivisible We Stand UWS
Indivisible Yorktown NY
Joining Forces
LIAccountability
Make the Road New York
Metro Justice
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
New York Communities for Change
New York Progressive Action Network
New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG)
New York State Poor People's Campaign
North Islip Democratic Club
NYPAN Enviro Committee
Peace Action New York State
Putnam Progressives

Reach Out America

Rise and Resist

Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith

Safe Energy Rights Group (SEnRG)

Seneca Lake Guardian

Show Up LI

Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY

Slow Food North Shore

South Country Unites

South Shore Audubon Society

Strong Economy For All Coalition

Suffolk Progressives

Syracuse Cultural Workers

Take17

Third Act Upstate New York

Target Majority NYC: An Indivisible/Swing Left Group

Three Parks Independent Democrats

United For Clean Energy

Upper West Side Action Group

WESPAC Foundation, Inc.

Westchester for Change

North Carolina

350 Lake Norman

West End Revitalization Association

Ohio

Between the Waters

FreshWater Accountability Project

Oregon

350 Eugene

Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project

NTEN

Pennsylvania

Berks Gas Truth

Better Path Coalition

Concerned Health Professionals of PA

Move Past Plastic (MPP)

No False Climate Solutions PA

PA-7 United

Physicians for Social Responsibility
Pennsylvania

Texas

Dallas Peace and Justice Center

Terra Advocati

Third Act Texas

Washington

350 Seattle

Veterans for Peace Spokane Chapter #35

West Virginia

Rise Up WV

Wisconsin

Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa Peace and
Justice Office

Nukewatch