



United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator:

Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi are scheming to go on one final reckless spending spree in the waning days of the 117th Congress, and it's up to you and your Senate Republican colleagues to prevent it.

Their plan is to pass a short-term Continuing Resolution that would keep the government funded just until mid-December – long enough to get past the November elections without having to worry about a government shutdown, but short enough that it will still allow a lame duck Congress to pass a full-year spending bill.

We've seen what happens when Democrats are in control of the House, the Senate, and the White House. That's how they were able to pass the so-called "American Rescue Plan" last year. You remember, the bill that spent \$1.9 trillion we did not have, and drove inflation to 40-year-highs?

A spending spree in a lame duck Congress would be even worse. The damage they did by passing that \$1.9 trillion spending bill was damage they were willing to do when they knew they were going to be held accountable by their constituents. We can only imagine how much more damage they'll be willing to do when a significant number of them know they won't be coming back for the 118th Congress, and, therefore, won't be in a position to be held accountable by their constituents.

Accountability is one of the keys to the successful functioning of our representative system of government. Having to stand before the voters on a regular basis and



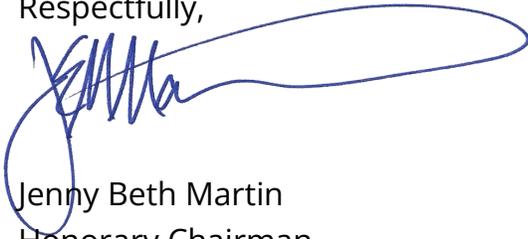
account for one's actions is a brake on bad behavior. Action in a lame duck Congress, with votes cast by members who will end their service before they have to stand again before their constituents, destroys that accountability.

Of course, that very lack of accountability is what Biden and Pelosi are counting on. And that's why we must rely on you to stop it.

We simply cannot allow another full-on spending binge. The nation cannot afford it.

On behalf of the three millions supporters of Tea Party Patriots Action, I urge you to vote against any Continuing Resolution that lasts only long enough to keep the government funded until after the November election, but which allows the lame duck Congress to vote in mid-December on a full-year omnibus spending package.

Respectfully,



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