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Here's How to Tell Your Democratic Senator(s) to Make Sure Schumer Doesn't Hand Trump a Blank Check

Federal government funding runs out on September 30th, and Republicans need Democratic votes to clear the filibuster and avoid a government shutdown. **Democrats have a strong hand to play. They must use it to deny Donald Trump the blank check Republicans want to hand him!**

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Action Summary	<p>Estimated time: 15 minutes, depending on how much Background Information you read.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read as much of the background information below as you wish.• Call your Democratic U.S. senators. Remind them we cannot hand blank checks to a wannabe king—and ask them to keep publicly pressuring Schumer to FIGHT LIKE HELL!
Why We Think This is Important	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Relevance - Moderate to High - The outcome of this funding fight directly affects people's healthcare, safety nets, and community resources. It connects national politics to everyday impacts in people's lives.• Expanded Implications - High - Allowing Schumer to hand Trump a "blank check" would normalize unchecked executive power, setting a precedent that undermines Congress's constitutional role and erodes democratic balance.• Educational Value - Moderate - Democrats have given in before and they must not again. Senate leverage <i>works</i> in negotiations and it's imperative that they know we are watching and that we support them.• Impact Potential - High - Calls to senators can shape how strongly they push leadership to hold the line. While not every call flips a vote, a flood of constituent voices can stiffen Democratic resolve in a high-stakes moment.• Urgency - Extremely High - The Sept. 30 deadline means decisions are being made right now. If action isn't taken immediately, Democrats may once again concede leverage and the opportunity will be lost. Call today and keep calling!
Source	Indivisible
Action Details	<p>Call your 1 U.S. Representative and your 2 U.S. Senators. (See script below.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get your U.S. Elected officials' contact information HERE.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: Please leave your full street address to <u>ensure your call is tallied</u>.• Please personalize all the words in blue. <hr/> <p><i>"Hi, my name is [NAME] and I live at [Street, City, State] and I'm calling about the upcoming government funding fight.</i></p> <p><i>First, thank you for standing strong in March!</i></p> <p><i>Second, we can't have a repeat of the last government funding fight where Leader Schumer and some [House] [Senate] Dems rolled over and voted through a partisan Republican spending bill.</i></p> <p><i>I'm counting on [Representative [NAME]] or [Senator [NAME]] to hold strong and push Leader Schumer to fight for a spending bill that protects healthcare AND puts meaningful checks on Trump.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for your time and consideration, [Your Name]"</i></p> <hr/> <p>If you live outside of Massachusetts, follow the directions HERE.</p>
Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal government funding runs out on September 30, and Republicans need to earn Democrats' votes to pass a budget. Any funding bill that passes the Senate must clear the 60-vote filibuster, meaning Senate Republicans have an obligation to work with Democrats on a balanced, bipartisan budget.• But the MAGA majorities in Congress are risking a government shutdown to hand Donald Trump a blank check and fund his authoritarian wishlist. With help from congressional Republicans, the Trump regime is defunding healthcare, schools, public services, and public media—all to seize unchecked power and shovel more cash to their billionaire allies.• If the GOP—which controls both the Senate and the House—refuses to pass funding bills that take away Trump's blank checks, Democrats must stop them. The shutdown deadline is Republicans' problem to solve, and they would bear full responsibility for the devastating consequences that would ensue.• But at the last shutdown deadline in March, Chuck Schumer and nine weak-willed Democrats rolled over and surrendered their power. That cannot happen again. We need to simultaneously pressure Republicans to work on a bipartisan basis while making sure Democrats stand their ground to stop Trump's healthcare cuts and take away his blank checks.• SEPTEMBER 15 UPDATE: Democratic leaders Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries announced that Democrats will not vote for a partisan funding deal that continues Trump's healthcare cuts. This is a welcome move, but any deal to protect healthcare should also stop Trump's illegal weaponization of the budget.

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	<p>Democrats have the power to deny this wanna-be king the blank check Republicans are writing for him. Learn more about this fight below—and demand that your Members of Congress FIGHT LIKE HELL to stop Trump’s authoritarian attacks on our healthcare, communities, and democracy.</p> <p>DEMOCRATS MUST TAKE A STAND</p> <p>Indivisible is calling on Democrats to oppose any funding deal that continues Republicans’ healthcare cuts or allows Trump’s chaos and lawlessness to go unchecked. Any government funding deal must halt his attacks on federal agencies and programs that Americans count on for their health, safety, and economic security and begin reining in the corruption of Trump’s regime.</p> <p>In Massachusetts, we’re fortunate; our U.S. Senators didn’t cave in March. First we need to thank them, and then we need to demand they use their leverage.</p> <p>If you have a Democratic U.S. House Representative, they need to hear from you, too. House Republicans control a razor-thin majority, and they’re arguing amongst themselves over whether their funding bills are cruel and catastrophic enough. House Democrats must stand united and force Republicans to make their position clear. Click here to call your Democratic Representative.</p> <p>Democrats need to hear from their constituents that we want them to fight like hell. Push your Dem MoCs to be bold, and then show them strong public support when they listen—or hold them accountable if they don’t.</p> <p>If you are outside of Massachusetts and have a Republican Member of Congress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask if they will publicly commit to preventing a government shutdown by working with Democrats on a bipartisan funding process.• Warn them that if Republicans shut down the government because they’re too busy ripping people’s healthcare away and fueling Trump’s lawlessness, they’ll own the blame for a shutdown and you will hold them accountable for the devastating impacts in your district/state. (Indivisible) <p>You can find all of the above and more information HERE. Whether you are in MA or not, there will be a scenario and a script for your situation, for example, there is a special script if you <i>Democrat</i> U.S. senator (there were nine of them) voted with the Republicans in March.</p>
Bonus Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host a “CAD party” and make calls, complete postcards, or perform other actions together. It’s motivating and there is empowerment both in numbers and being with others!• Share this link to SUBSCRIBE TO THE IMC-CAD with everyone you can (we are keeping this subscription free—it’s ok to skip the “Pledge” button that appears).