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Crooked River Action of Summit County calls on Senator Chuck Schumer to step aside as Minority Leader

Ohio—Minority Leader Schumer, as chair of the Democratic Caucus in the Senate, broke with the vast majority of his caucus to allow a GOP funding bill to advance, without meaningful restrictions on the ongoing efforts from Donald Trump and Elon Musk to dismantle the federal government. **Crooked River Action, a local chapter of Indivisible**, issued the following statement:

Under Senator Chuck Schumer's Leadership, Senate Democrats just surrendered a rare moment of leverage to rein in the chaos and harm of Donald Trump, Elon Musk, and Congressional Republicans. By voting to advance the GOP government funding bill, rather than demanding anything in return, Schumer handed more power to the extremists destroying the government. This was not just a strategic mistake - it was a demonstration that Schumer is not prepared to lead the Democratic opposition to fascism and protect our democracy. We thank him for his years of service, and call on him to step aside as minority leader.

Crooked River Action has continually worked to support Democrats who would further our fragile democracy. This vote undermines our efforts and disregards our belief that government should work for all of us and not just the privileged few.. We thank Representative Sykes (OH-13) for voting against the GOP bill which will strip millions of dollars previously allocated for important projects from our district.

We do not come to this decision lightly - for the country, or for our democracy. But the stakes are too high, and we need leaders who are willing to fight as hard as we are. Schumer should step aside as Minority Leader so another Democrat who's willing to lead the opposition can step up to take his place."

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