



# Rep. Tom Emmer on HOUSE LEADERSHIP PRESS CONFERENCE

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* The Democrat government shutdown, spanning 35 days and still counting, is now tied for the longest government shutdown in U.S. history. Chuck Schumer and company are going down in the history books for beating total obstructionists over a nonpartisan government funding bill. Meanwhile, it's hardworking Americans who are being forced to pay the price. Labor workers are turning to local food banks to feed their families. Head start programs are beginning to close, as Chairman Wahlberg mentioned. Thousands of flights are getting delayed due to staffing shortages. Small businesses that contract with the federal government have already lost an estimated \$12 billion. Even unions, as you've heard, which traditionally have favored our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, are begging for them to end their needless shutdown charade. The good news is, I think we've reached the real inflection point. Today is election day in several states, and we're hopeful that after today, the Democrats won't be as concerned about holding the line in order to appease the Kami-Mamdam and Omar Fada wing of their party. And maybe, just maybe, at least five Senate Democrats will finally come to their senses and join us by passing our clean CR to reopen the government. The ball is in their court. Republicans have done our job. The question is, are Democrats willing to put politics aside long enough to do theirs? I hope the answer is yes sooner rather than later. The American people deserve better. \*Note: The host's name is not mentioned in this transcript segment, and no interviewer questions are included in the provided text.\*

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