



Rep. Tom Emmer on HOUSE LEADERSHIP PRESS CONFERENCE – 2025

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** If Chuck Schumer and the Democrats had things their way, more than 1 million service members would not get paid today. Thankfully, our Commander-in-Chief stepped up where the Democrats have refused by reallocating funds to ensure our troops receive their hard-earned paychecks today. Thanks to President Trump, military families across the country will have the resources they need to continue making ends meet, just a little bit longer. Yet, what has been the Democrats' response? Representative Madeleine Dean told CNN yesterday, quote, this is not the way to run a government, close quote. Making sure our troops get paid is not the way to run a government? You know what is actually not the way to run a government, Representative Dean? Holding the American people hostage over your \$1.5 trillion wish list of radical demands. Clearly, the Democrats, the Democrat Party of today is not your grandfather's Democrat Party. They care about one thing and one thing only, appeasing the radical pro-terrorist wing of their party. And they will inflict the maximum amount of pain on the American people to do it. But it doesn't have to be this way. Republicans have a nonpartisan government funding bill ready in the Senate. We've been talking about it now for more than two weeks. It can be sent to President Trump's desk immediately. We could end the Democrats' shutdown chaos today if they would do the right and reasonable thing by passing our clean CR. It contains zero partisan policy riders, no gimmicks. It's the same spending levels that Democrats supported just six months ago and that they passed 13 times previously under the Biden administration. But nine times now, nine times, the Democrats have refused shutting the government down in the process and forcing Americans to pay the price. Also, they can gallivant around the Capitol making ridiculous videos, childish videos, scream at Capitol Police officers who aren't getting paid, by the way, and buy time until their hate America rally takes place on Saturday on the mall. It's despicable and it's wrong. We can only hope that they come to their senses and that the madness ends soon. Until then, our message remains the same. Stop playing political games, pass our clean CR, and reopen the government for the people you were elected to serve. Lisa McClain, our conference chair. *Note: This appears to be a continuous statement by Rep. Emmer with no clear host interjections visible in the provided transcript.*

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