

## **Crisis Averted (For Now)** **Congress Votes for a Forty-Five Day Extension**

Saturday night, just before midnight, the President signed a temporary funding bill to avoid a government shutdown with little time to spare after Congress rushed to approve the bipartisan deal. The money will fund the government until November 17 at 2023 levels.

That means Congress will have to get back to work and come together to avoid a shutdown in November. With many proposed cuts still on the table, we know our work is not done here.

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### **How They Voted:**

House of Representatives: 335-91

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Senate: 88-9

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Although this short-term deal keeps the spending agreed to by the Speaker and the President in May in place (the deal that kept cuts from happening to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid that our union fought so hard against), we know these proposals will again be an issue. Extremists in the House have been pushing a budget that gives tax cuts to the wealthy in exchange for drastic cuts to key programs. We expect more of the same going forward.

### **These proposed cuts will impact working people:**

- Some 250,000 American workers would be denied job training and employment services, including union apprenticeships.
- Approximately 50,000 workers would lose back wages they are owed.
- Up to 40,000 fewer teachers, aides or other key education staff would be hired.
- Billions of dollars would be cut from critical safety systems like air traffic control, port security and road safety.
- 2.1 million Americans would lose access to health care and food assistance.
- 65 million retirees would face cuts to Medicare.



**Thank you to everyone who made a call and sent an email asking that a shutdown be avoided. However, our work is not done. Stay tuned to Rapid Response for potential actions to ensure working people are not left out to benefit the wealthy.**