

October 27, 2025

Senator John Thune
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United States Senate
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Representative Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
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Dear Leader Thune and Speaker Johnson,

We applaud your masterful handling of the current government shutdown thus far, particularly your resistance to the Democrat demand that extending the expanded Obamacare subsidies be a condition for re-opening the federal government. You have kept any such extension out of the Continuing Resolutions considered on the House and Senate floors, and you continue to maintain principled opposition to the expanded subsidies.

As you've rightly pointed out:

- The expanded Obamacare subsidies, enacted by a Democrat Congress and signed by a Democrat president, were intended as additional help during the COVID-19 pandemic and were deliberately designed to expire when the COVID emergency ended (which of course it has).
- The expanded subsidies, like the underlying Obamacare subsidies, go directly to insurance companies, not families, and can be retained by insurance companies, even when claims are not filed against them.
- The expanded subsidies provide benefits to some households with incomes over \$500,000.
- The expanded subsidies fund plans that cover abortion and sex-change procedures, as any Democrat-created health program would do.

We urge you to adhere to your principled opposition to the expanded Obamacare subsidies, in light of the points above, even after the current government shutdown has concluded—and even as the December 31st expiration of the expanded subsidies gets closer.

If extending these subsidies is wrong in September and October, doing so will still be wrong in November, December, and beyond. The principles behind the opposition to the expanded

subsidies do not change based on what month it is, what appropriations laws are currently in force, or whether the federal government is fully open.

Therefore, we strongly encourage you to immediately and publicly express your unconditional opposition to extending the expanded Obamacare subsidies, irrespective of what month it is or of the proximity to their expiration. Thank you.

Most Sincerely,

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