

# U.S. Rep. Grothman: Bipartisan bill ensures the government never shuts down again

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(Washington, D.C.) – Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-Glenbeulah) and Congressman David Loebsack (D-IA) have introduced a bipartisan bill to avoid future government shutdowns.

If Congress fails to pass an appropriations bill under the End Government Shutdowns Act, an automatic continuing resolution (CR) will be activated that will fund the government at the previous year's levels, preventing all future shutdowns. Having an automatic backup plan will promote a more purposeful budgeting process by instilling stability within the market and smoothing economic downturns from federal action or lack-thereof. If signed into law, this bill will take effect on October 1, 2019.

“The state government of Wisconsin has had a version of my bill in place since 1953. As a state legislator, I participated in budget negotiations firsthand and under these rules, the state budget always gets completed and we have never had a shutdown” Said Grothman. “For too long, politicians on both sides of the aisle have used government shutdowns and other budgetary gimmicks that put federal workers in harm's way. My bill, the End Government Shutdowns Act, will eliminate federal shutdowns and force politicians to work together to produce a budget that works for everyone.”

“It is shameful that political games and dysfunction have taken the place of Congress actually working together to pass the funding bills needed to ensure our

government is open and working on behalf of the American people. Across the country, folks are feeling the very real negative economic impact of the shutdown. We can no longer allow the budget of the United States be used as a bargaining chip that hurts hardworking families. Each time there is a government shutdown, it wreaks havoc on the financial security of our nation. I am pleased to work with Congressman Grothman on the bipartisan End Government Shutdowns Act that will help bring stability to the American people and actually force politicians to do the work they were elected to do.” Said Loepsack.