

# Opportunity Wisconsin: As Congress takes the rest of the year off, government funding deadlines and harmful cuts loom in 2024

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MADISON, Wis. – With the House of Representatives officially in recess until January 2024, the beginning of the New Year will require swift action on government funding legislation, which might contain harmful cuts that could hurt Wisconsin families, workers, and seniors.

In recent months, Wisconsinites have watched as Republicans in Congress, including Reps. Bryan Steil and Derrick Van Orden voted for spending packages that contain harmful cuts, including a September proposal that would've forced disastrous cuts to nutrition programs, access to Social Security benefits, and even heating assistance for low-income families during the winter.

Now, as Congress continues to consider funding bills, they may again vote on cuts that would force Wisconsinites to pay more out-of-pocket for things they need. Potential upcoming appropriations bills contain additional cuts to education, access to Social Security, and other programs Wisconsinites depend upon—all so House Republicans can give more unnecessary handouts and tax breaks to big corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

With funding deadlines set for January 19th and February 2nd next year, Congress will have to quickly act on remaining packages.

“Congressmen Bryan Steil and Derrick Van Orden continue to back funding proposals that contain harmful cuts to programs Wisconsin families, seniors, and

children depend on,” **said Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director Meghan Roh.** “When they return to work in 2024, instead of voting to raise costs and threaten essential programs, Wisconsinites expect their representatives to start finding solutions that support our neighbors and communities.”