March 5, 2026

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schumer,

We write to you as Governors deeply concerned about public safety across the nation following the tragic mass shooting in Austin, Texas, which left three dead and 14 injured. This incident, currently under FBI investigation for potential terrorism links, highlights the urgent need for a fully funded Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

As details about the shooter and possible extremist motives emerge, it is evident that delays in funding to DHS hinder counterterrorism, border security, and intelligence efforts. For over two weeks, Senate Democrats have blocked DHS funding amid a partial government shutdown over demands for immigration enforcement reforms. The safety and security of the American people should never be used as a political pawn.

We, the undersigned Governors, urge you to pass the DHS funding bill immediately. A fully funded Department of Homeland Security ensures our national security and public safety, protecting the American people from threats within our borders and beyond.

Sincerely,

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State of Alabama

Governor Mike Dunleavy
State of Alaska

Governor Sarah Sanders
State of Arkansas

Governor Brian Kemp
State of Georgia

Governor Brad Little
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