

Conservatives Oppose the Pelosi-Schumer Lame-Duck Power Grab

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As the 117th Congress winds to a close, conservatives urge Republicans in Congress to oppose last minute lawmaking attempts in the lame duck session. Any new policy – including year-long spending deals and the passage of marquee bills like the National Defense Authorization Act – should wait until the new Congress is sworn in.

As Senator Mitch McConnell recently noted, a short-term Continuing Resolution into early next year is a viable option. We agree and urge all Republicans to oppose passage of a giant omnibus spending bill that will lock in Democratic spending priorities and limit the ability of a new Republican House majority to shape their own spending policies. Debate and enactment of key policy issues should be conducted when all newly elected members have been sworn in next year – not in a flurry of last-minute law making designed to extend the priorities of a Democratic majority beyond its existence.

Departing members of Congress should not disenfranchise newly elected members of Congress by denying them the ability to vote on and otherwise impact major policy items in the first months of the new Congress. And Nancy Pelosi should not be able to make policy for the forthcoming House Republican majority.

We urge all Republicans to oppose the Schumer-Pelosi power grab in the lame duck.

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