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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Steve Scalise
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Tom Emmer
Majority Whip
H-107, The Capitol
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Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Scalise, and Whip Emmer,

As Republicans, we have always been the party of free markets and limited government. Capitalism has built the strongest economy in the world, lifted millions out of poverty, and fueled American innovation and prosperity. It is this system that has allowed individuals, investors, and businesses to compete freely. That has made our country great.

Of course, basic regulations are sometimes necessary to ensure safety, transparency, and fairness. But in too many cases, politicians have gone far beyond that, using government power not to protect people, but to dictate outcomes, control markets, and strip away the freedom of choice that is central to American prosperity. This is no longer about serving constituents; it is about forcing ideology into the marketplace.

We've seen extreme examples, like Zohran Mamdani, who just won the New York City mayoral race, pushing forward proposals to replace neighborhood supermarkets with government-run "community grocery stores." That is not a free enterprise. It is the government seizing taxpayer dollars to fund its own vision of how people should live, deciding what families can buy, where they can shop, and how businesses must operate. In practice, it means politicians, not consumers, are making choices about where other people's money goes. That is the essence of socialism: taking resources from hardworking Americans and redistributing them according to ideology rather than need or merit. And history shows where that leads: fewer choices, higher costs, weaker businesses, and diminished opportunity for everyone.

History has shown us that socialism always fails, whether in Venezuela, Cuba, or the old Soviet Union. Each time, it leads to shortages, rationing, and a collapse in innovation. Legislation that limits the free market can have a negative impact on taxpayers and local economies. State legislation, such as Texas' Fair Access Law, which prohibits the types of risk asset managers may consider when investing state pension dollars, has cost an estimated \$668 million in lost economic activity. Politicians interfering in the free market like this is not capitalism -- it's bad business.

What makes America strong is that we trust people, not the government, to make choices for themselves and their families. The more the government inserts itself into the economy, the weaker our nation becomes, and the higher costs become for American families. The more freedom we give to the market, the stronger and more prosperous our country will remain.

That is why we urge House Republican leadership to stand firm and continue governing in a way that preserves the free market and protects the freedom to invest. The American people elected us to defend liberty, opportunity, and prosperity, not to allow creeping socialism to dictate how our economy works. By holding

firm, we can ensure that Congress protects the principles that built this nation and keeps our economy the envy of the world.

Republicans will always defend the free market because it is the foundation of American success. By keeping the government from picking winners and losers and standing firm against ideological overreach, we can continue to strengthen our economy, empower workers, and safeguard the prosperity that has defined our nation for generations.

We look forward to working with you to uphold these principles, protect the free market, and ensure that America remains the land of opportunity for generations to come.

Sincerely,



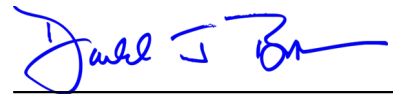
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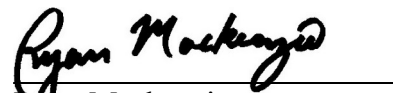
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