

Washington D.C. – Congressman Kevin McCarthy gave the following remarks at a House Republican leadership press conference:

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If your question is 'will we pass it,' the answer is yes, we will pass it. The question is now, when we have worked in a bipartisan manner on the Appropriations bill, will Harry Reid put people before politics? The President was right, we cannot wait; we cannot continue to wait on the Senate. Twenty-seven bills are sitting over there to create jobs, and people being laid off today in Rep. Tim Griffin's district in Arkansas – this House will not wait, this House will pass the bill. We will send it to the Senate, and we expect them to put people before politics.