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2026 Election Results and the Path Forward

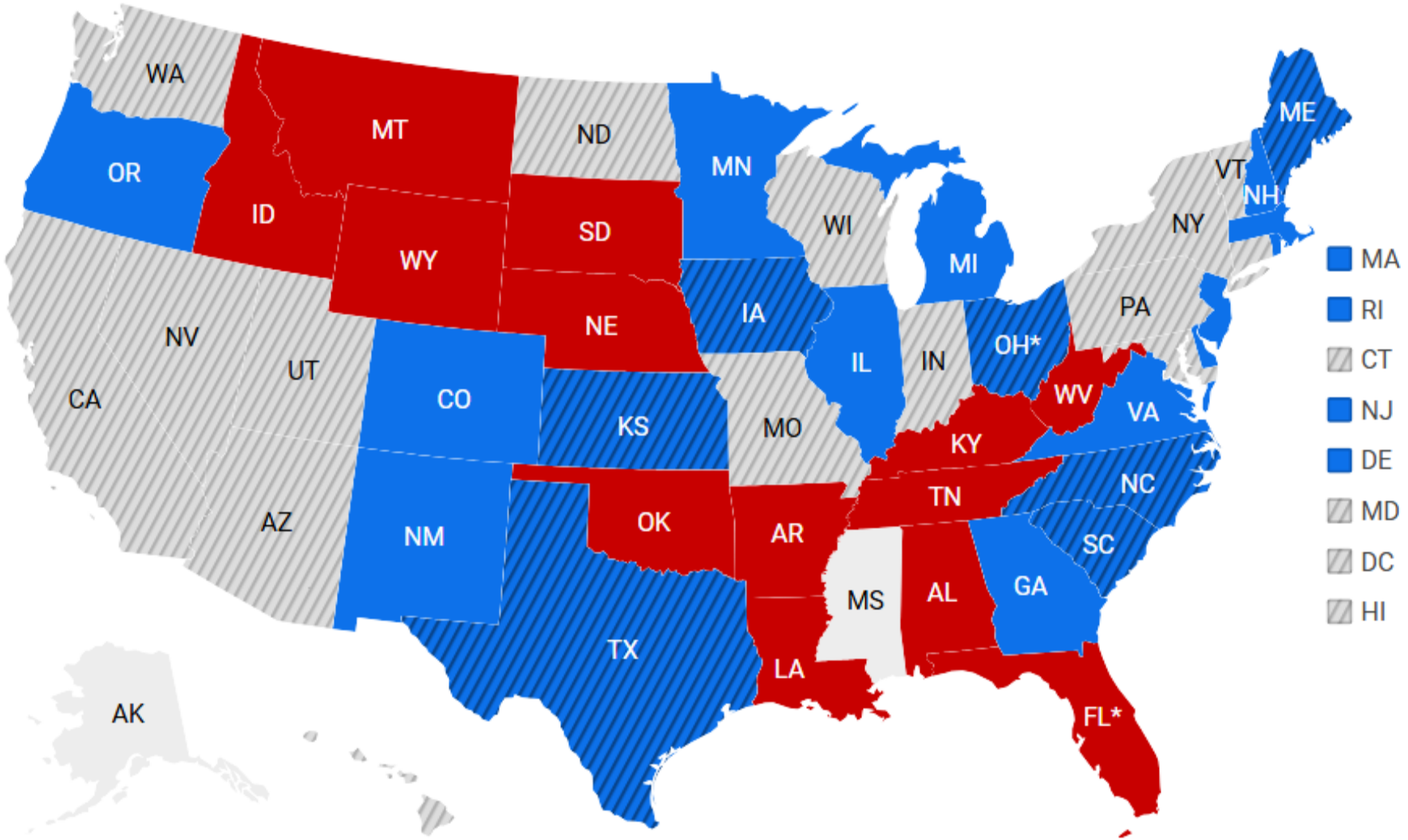
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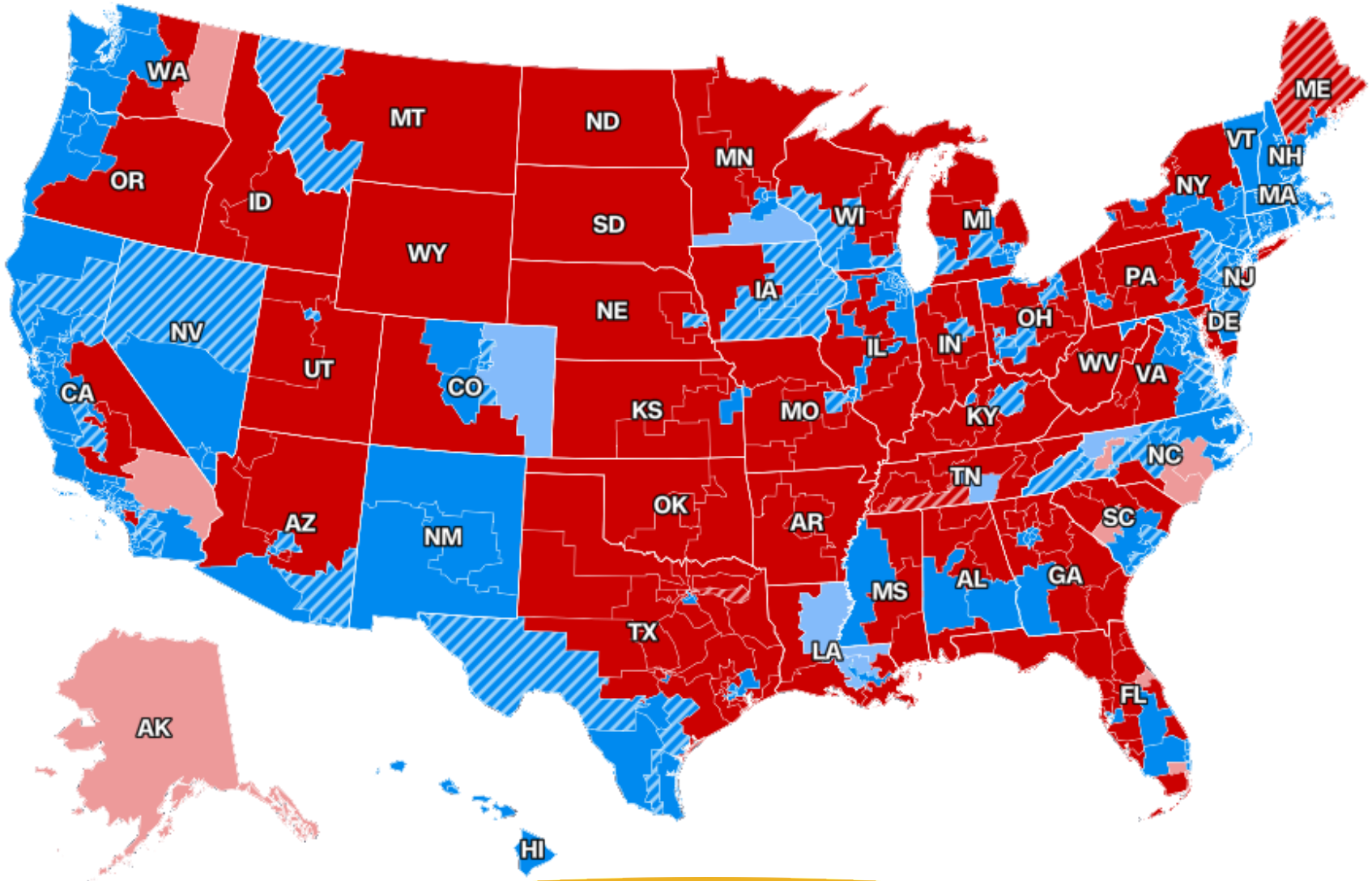
This was a Blue Tsunami



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Lame Duck Agenda

- Short-term stopgap funding measure expires December 11 – Congress must pass another “continuing resolution” or package of FY 2027 spending bills.
- Current extension included expiring highway and transit programs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).
- Extension did not include $36 billion annual supplemental “advance appropriations” built into IIJA that funded rail, transit, multimodal grants, bridge and EV charging programs.
- ACEC and coalition allies are lobbying for a full restoration of current funding levels for all IIJA transportation programs.

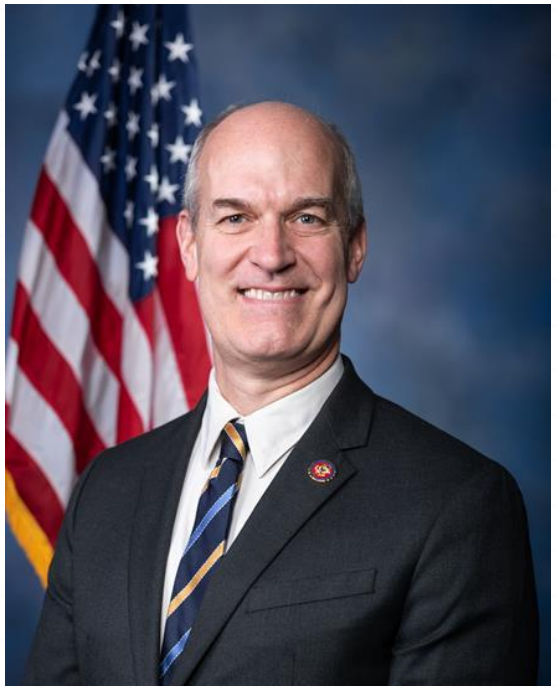
The New Majority – 2027 Agenda

- Strong Democratic majorities, but not filibuster-proof (requiring 60 votes in the Senate).
- Key Agenda Items:
  - Affordability – pushback on tariffs, housing tax credits, healthcare (ACA, Medicaid), Iran war, energy costs
  - Ethics and accountability – stock trading ban for elected officials; hearings and investigations of Trump administration and allies
  - Regulation of tech industry - data centers and AI frameworks

ACEC Agenda 2027

- Educating new and returning lawmakers – focused on industry essentials, resources, and expertise.
  - Early grassroots engagement
  - E-Week – February 21-27
  - ACEC Annual Convention – April 18-21
- Advocacy on key issues – infrastructure, data centers, permitting, workforce

House T&I Likely Leadership in 120th Congress

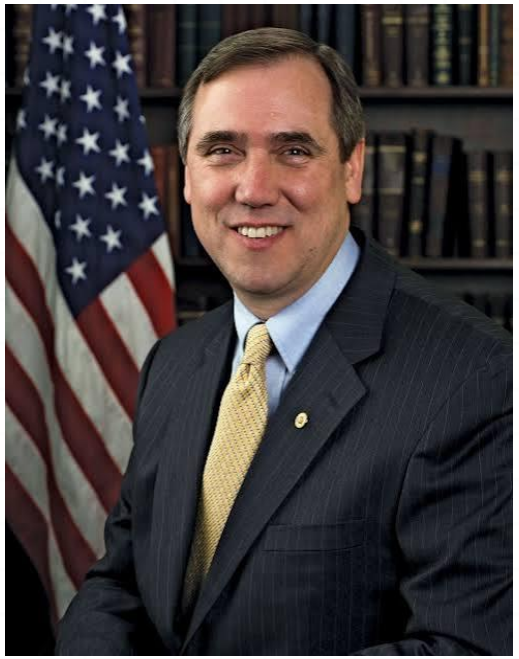


Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA)



Rep. David Rouzer (R - NC)

Senate EPW Likely Leadership in 120th Congress



Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

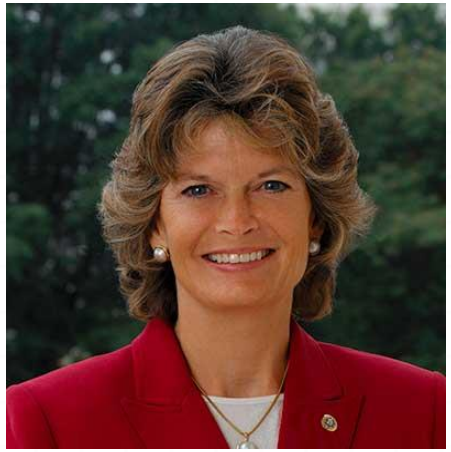


Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R - WV)

Appropriations Committee Likely Leadership in 120th Congress



Patty Murray (D-WA)
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee



Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee



Rosa Delauro (D-CT)
Chair
House Appropriations Committee



Tom Cole (R-OK)
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee

Federal Transportation Funding Outlook in 2027

- Key Questions:
  - Start from BUILD America 250 Act or start over?
  - Address the Highway Trust Fund revenue shortfall or continue deficit spending?
  - Provide guaranteed funding for rail, ports, freight, and multimodal programs?
  - What is the balance between formula funding vs. discretionary grants?
  - Will the Trump Administration pivot to dealmaking?

THANK YOU!

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