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The Threat of Another Government Shutdown Looms.

National, state and local government associations have warned their members that "fractious issues" could derail any efforts to meet a November deadline, affecting key housing and transportation funding.

Congress may have been able to avert a government shutdown Saturday night that would have caused problems for state and local governments around the country. But many in Washington are skeptical that the House and Senate will be able to reach agreement on 12 federal funding bills—including a key one on funding for transportation and housing—in a little over a month to keep the nation from facing yet another shutdown.

The chances of reaching an agreement before the Nov. 17 deadline set in the continuing resolution that Congress passed this weekend is "low," the National League of Cities said in a federal update to its members. "Fractious issues remain," the update said, as House Republicans seek to reduce spending in an array of programs including funding for states and localities to build more affordable housing and for transit construction projects.

And that update was given before House Republicans voted Tuesday to oust House Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

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