

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 28, 2023

Ms. Catherine Szpindor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
HB-28, Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Szpindor,

Members of Congress have a responsibility to the American people to work together to resolve our differences, responsibly cut wasteful spending, and protect the critical programs that Americans rely on. Congress's failure to do so will imminently subject many Americans to painful decisions about their budget. Members of Congress must not live by a different set of rules than the people they are sworn to serve, and as such, I do not believe it is appropriate for Members of Congress to collect a paycheck during a government shutdown.

My understanding is that, pursuant to the Constitution, Members of Congress will continue to receive their pay during a lapse in appropriations. I am, therefore, requesting that, in the event of a lapse of appropriations beginning at 12:00 a.m. on October 1, 2023, my pay be withheld until legislation has taken effect to completely end the lapse in appropriations.

I appreciate your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 202-225-5476.

In Service,



Zach Nunn  
Member of Congress