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September 29, 2025

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

Dear Ms. Szpindor,

Members of Congress have a responsibility to the American people to work together to fund our government, responsibly cut wasteful spending, and protect the critical programs that Americans rely on. To that end, on September 19, 2025, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5371 to fund the government through November 21, 2025. Unfortunately, the Senate failed to pass the bill, with all but one Democrat voting no. Until Senate Democrats set partisanship aside and pass this commonsense bill to fund our government, the American people will bear the brunt of a completely avoidable shutdown.

I believe it is wrong for Members of Congress to collect a paycheck while the federal government is shut down and millions of hardworking Americans face uncertainty. However, the Constitution is clear: under Article I, Members of Congress will continue to receive their pay during a lapse in appropriations. Therefore, I am requesting that, in the event of a lapse in appropriations beginning at 12:00 a.m. on October 1, 2025, my pay be withheld until legislation has taken effect to fully fund the government and end the shutdown.

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