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Mr. Philip G. Kiko  
Chief Administrative Officer  
HB 26, U.S. Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Kiko,

I am writing in regard to the current lapse in appropriations and shutdown of the government. I understand that despite this lapse, Members of Congress will continue to be paid.

Americans are rightly worried about the impact a shutdown will have on people all across this country. Hundreds of thousands of Americans are now furloughed around the country, through no fault of their own. These worries are compounded by the refusal of Democrats to join in providing certainty and pay for our troops and failure to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), leaving 9 million kids vulnerable and jeopardizing their health insurance. This is now the reality for many Americans, and it could have been prevented. As Members of Congress, we have an obligation to change this new normal.

I believe that fairness dictates that my pay also be withheld until such time that normal government operations resume.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Member of Congress

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