

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

September 30, 2025

Ms. Catherine Szpindor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
HB-28, Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 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've been a cop and soldier the majority of my adult life. Like other working-class families, I rely on my paycheck to feed my kids and pay my mortgage. As a public servant, I will stand in solidarity with my military brothers and sisters and other federal employees who will be without a paycheck until Democrats agree to open the government.

I appreciate your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 202- 225-5625

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gabe Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Gabe" is written with a large, stylized "G" and "a", and the last name "Evans" is written with a large "E" and "v". The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Gabe Evans  
Member of Congress

