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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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Ms. Catherine Szpindor
Chief Administrative Officer
HB-28, Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. Szpindor,

Congress has no responsibility more fundamental than to fund the day-to-day operations of the federal government. Failing to fund the federal government threatens military preparedness and hurts the pockets of federal employees, including military personnel and border patrol officers.

However, despite a potential government shutdown, members of Congress will continue receiving their salary. Therefore, I will refuse to accept and ask that you withhold any paychecks for as long as the federal government remains shuttered.

This is yet another sad example of Washington's dysfunction and I will do everything in my power to ensure congressional leaders stay at the table and reach an agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vern Buchanan", written over a horizontal line.

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