

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3808

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Ms. Anne Binsted
Acting Chief Administrative Officer
HB-28, Capitol Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Binsted,

It's fitting that on Monday, Americans will tune in to a small town in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to watch Punxsutawney Phil look for his shadow. Unfortunately, it also feels like Groundhog Day in Washington again, as Congress approaches another funding deadline at midnight tonight.

Just a few short months ago, Americans saw the epitome of Washington dysfunction that resulted in the longest shutdown in our nation's history. The 43-day shutdown was devastating for the more than 10,000 federal workers in Pennsylvania's Eighth District, many of which showed up to work without knowing when their next paycheck would come. It also caused massive chaos and delays for my constituents who rely on vital services such as Social Security payments, housing and food assistance, and student loan support.

I am encouraged that we have come together to pass six of the twelve annual appropriations bills and am confident that ongoing talks to avert a long-term shutdown will be successful.

However, I remain committed to standing in solidarity with my constituents who expect Congress to do the most basic part of our job, keeping the lights on. If any part of the federal government shuts down, I will refuse to accept my congressional salary, and I request that my pay be withheld for as long as a shutdown may last.

I look forward to returning to Washington on Monday, reopening the government, and working with my colleagues to finish the job. That includes providing critical funding for the Department of Homeland Security and the agencies that protect public safety, including FEMA, the U.S. Coast Guard, TSA, the Secret Service, and other departments essential to the safety and security of the American people.

Sincerely,



Rob Bresnahan, Jr.
Member of Congress