

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

September 23, 2025

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

Dear Ms. Szpindor,

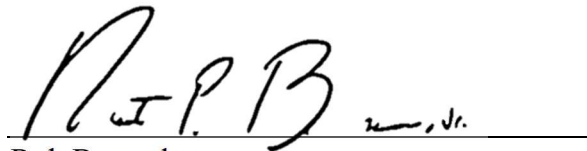
When I came to Congress in January, I made a commitment to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to break through Washington's dysfunction and focus on making life better for the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. This is why I am deeply disappointed Congress is once again approaching the brink of a potential government shutdown at the end of September.

This means the over 10,000 federal employees in Pennsylvania's Eighth District, who work at critical facilities such as the Tobyhanna Army Depot, Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center, United States Penitentiary Canaan, and more, will face uncertainty about the paychecks they rely on to put food on their family's table. Additionally, many of the benefits our neighbors rely on, such as Social Security checks, housing and food assistance, and student loan assistance are also in jeopardy during a government shutdown.

In solidarity with my constituents, who expect Congress to do the most basic part of our job by keeping the government open, I will refuse to accept any of my paychecks during a government shutdown, and I ask you withhold any of my pay while the federal government remains shuttered.

I was proud to vote for a short-term funding bill earlier this month that gives Congress more time to pass next year's budget; however, I fully intend to work with my colleagues toward getting a funding bill across the finish line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. P. B. Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Rob Bresnahan
Member of Congress