

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Minority Leader Schumer,

The time for political brinkmanship has passed. The American people, and the people of Iowa, deserve a functioning government. We, the undersigned members of the Iowa Congressional Delegation, urge you to end this shutdown immediately by working with your caucus to pass the bipartisan, bicameral funding resolution, already passed in the House, without further delay.

The consequences of this shutdown are being felt across Iowa. More than 18,000 federal employees are either furloughed or working without pay, including nearly 10,000 Iowa National Guard Troops, 1,800 of whom are serving overseas. 62,000 women and children who rely on the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program are facing service disruptions, and 160,000 veterans who proudly served our nation are going without vital assistance from regional offices.

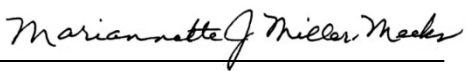
Additionally, 267,000 Iowans on SNAP, including more than 100,000 children, could soon see benefits delayed or interrupted. Thousands of Iowa farmers who feed America are unable to access USDA offices for critical support. 680,000 Iowans who rely on Medicare are losing access to key telehealth services, while rural hospitals are struggling to manage severe funding lapses.

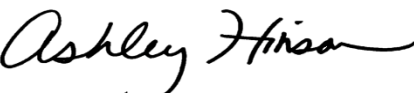
Furthermore, the Senate Democrats' filibuster of a 3.8% pay raise for all military personnel, aid for our allies, and critical military infrastructure upgrades is not only delaying a clean continuing resolution but also disrupting the normal functioning of our legislative process. This obstruction is a disservice to the constituents we were elected to represent.

This shutdown is inflicting real harm on the people of Iowa: women, children, farmers, veterans, seniors, and service members. They cannot afford Washington's political games.

We respectfully urge you to set aside partisanship, put the American people first, and vote to immediately reopen the government.

Sincerely,


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