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Dear Member of Congress:

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) calls on Congress to immediately pass a clean continuing resolution to reopen the government and put all federal employees back to work. As each day passes, the shutdown of the Federal Government is having an increasingly devastating impact on the economy of metropolitan Washington, its residents and businesses.

Over the last several years our cities and counties have had to make tough choices to balance and approve local budgets. As a result, since the Great Recession, businesses are growing, unemployment has declined, and the region's local governments are meeting the daily needs of their residents. The shutdown, however, threatens to destabilize this progress. Sustainable economic growth and the overall quality of life require certainty and predictability at all levels of government.

We strongly encourage you to adopt a bipartisan, clean continuing resolution to reopen the government, open federal agencies and put all employees back to work. We will be contacting you in the near future for a meeting to discuss the impacts of the shutdown in our region.

Sincerely,



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City of Frederick, MD

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