

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1504

September 30, 2025

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

Dear Mrs. Szpindor,

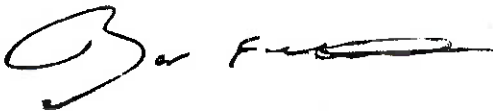
On September 19th, alongside my Republican colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, I voted to keep the government open and prevent a shutdown that would hurt our seniors, veterans, and small businesses. This responsible approach ensures that we can continue the appropriations process, properly steward taxpayer dollars, and cut wasteful government spending from the federal budget.

Regrettably, Democrats have decided that, unless they can spend an additional \$1.5 trillion in taxpayer dollars and give free healthcare to illegal immigrants, they will shut down the government. This unnecessary stunt will prevent Iowans from accessing vital services that they depend on to instead advance a partisan agenda.

However, under Article I of the Constitution, Members of Congress will continue to receive their salary even in the event of a government shutdown. That is wrong.

Therefore, I am requesting that my net pay be withheld until an appropriations agreement has taken effect and the government reopens. It is unfortunate that Democrats are playing politics with our economy and the wellbeing of American families.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress