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Chief Administrative Officer Catherine Szpindor  
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Dear Ms. Szpindor:

In the event of a federal government shutdown, I request that my congressional pay be withheld until the federal government has been funded and the shutdown has ended.

A federal government shutdown would have devastating consequences, including undermining national security and forcing servicemembers around the world to work without pay. Working families and seniors in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional district can't afford a shutdown. Kids and families will be cut off from food assistance; critical services like food inspections will be interrupted; small businesses will be hurt; and emergency response efforts will be thwarted should additional catastrophic disasters occur.

The American people deserve a government that works for them. I'm committed to working with Members on both sides of the aisle to advance the bipartisan legislation to keep the federal government working for hardworking families, seniors, and members of the military in Northeast Pennsylvania. We should reject outlier demands and find common ground. Until that happens, I ask that my pay be withheld.

Sincerely,



Matt Cartwright  
Member of Congress