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Chief Administrative Officer Catherine Szpindor
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US House of Representatives
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September 30, 2025

Dear Chief Administrative Officer Szpindor,

In the event of a government shutdown, **I am requesting that my salary be withheld until the shutdown is over.**

If our partners in the Senate are incapable of finding their senses and passing a clean Continuing Resolution, *as they did on thirteen separate occasions while Joe Biden was President*, **then no member of the House or Senate should receive a salary.**

We were not sent here to play partisan politics - we were sent here to work on behalf of the American people and keep the lights on.

A shutdown doesn't benefit anyone. It hurts families, workers, our brave men and women in the military, our economy, and much, much more.

I sincerely hope my colleagues on the other side of the aisle come to the same conclusion as I have, time and again - vote to keep the government open and hash out our differences in the appropriations process, and, where applicable, at the ballot box.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Vincent Lawler".

Michael Vincent Lawler
Congressman, New York's 17th District