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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room S-230
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building, Room 204
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear President Trump, Majority Leader McConnell, and Speaker Pelosi,

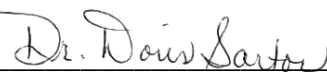
The National Coalition for Equity in Public Service (NCEPS) opposes the partial government shutdown and requests that our government leaders end the partial shutdown immediately. As leaders of six national non-profit organizations that promote the participation and advancement of minority and women managers and employees in the Federal Government, we are writing in the strongest possible terms the need to reopen the government and let hard-working civil servants get back to work. The work of government employees impacts all aspects of American life, from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to homeland security. These government workers should not be held hostage or be used as a bargaining chip.

We agree with the nation's governors in their statement that "It is imperative that you reopen the government now and, then, reach across the aisle to find a solution that will end the current impasse."

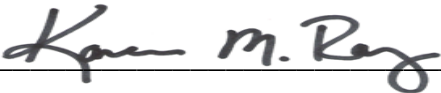
Many government employees' livelihood and families are dependent upon their government employment. In addition, missed paychecks also affects local economies (they are forced to make tough decisions such as, medical needs, eating out less, paying for child care, limiting shopping, etc.).

NCEPS' national coalition of affinity organizations includes Blacks In Government (BIG); Federally Employed Women (FEW); Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC); Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE); National IMAGE, Inc.; and FEDQ. As advocates for the employment and general welfare of government employees, we stand united in our request for you to immediately end the partial government shutdown.


Honorably and Respectfully,




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