

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 8, 2019

Mr. Phil Kiko
Chief Administrative Officer
HB-26, Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Kiko,

As you know, the Democrat majority in the House and minority in the Senate have refused to approve legislation to fully fund the federal government in order to deny the critical \$5.6 billion needed for new border security infrastructure. This refusal to perform the basic duties of Congress has resulted in a partial government shutdown and the furlough of several hundred thousand government employees.

I have been informed that unless Democrats in Congress are willing to negotiate and reach an agreement in the coming days to fund the government, federal employees deemed "essential" will not receive a paycheck starting this week despite working. I have also been informed that despite a lapse of appropriations and with several key areas of the government shut down, Members of Congress will continue receiving their salary.

Mr. Kiko, I am employed to serve in Congress by the people I represent, which includes most of the workforce at NASA's Johnson Space Center. Therefore, I request that you withhold my pay as well until the Democrats come to their senses, approve to re-open the government and provide critical funding for border security infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Brian Babin, D.D.S.,
Member of Congress