

October 30, 2025

Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kirsten E. Gillibrand
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Dear Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand,

I am writing to you with deep urgency and concern regarding the ongoing federal government shutdown. As citizens of New York and as Americans, we look to your leadership in these challenging times to safeguard the well-being of our communities. The immediate priority must be to end the shutdown and restore stability through the passage of a clean Continuing Resolution.

The impact of the government shutdown has had a devastating impact within the 101st Assembly District, across New York and throughout the nation. Federal employees and their families are facing mounting financial hardships as paychecks are delayed or withheld. The uncertainty is taking a severe toll on small businesses. Vulnerable populations—children, seniors, and families of all backgrounds—are particularly at risk as critical programs experience disruption. We are less than 48 hours away from a national emergency with the potential stoppage of SNAP and food stamps impacting more than 42 million Americans and more than 3 million New Yorkers.

I urge you to support the passage of a clean Continuing Resolution without unrelated policy provisions. The government and its employees, along with the countless families and small businesses affected, must not be used as leverage in broader policy negotiations. Addressing the immediate crisis is essential to preventing further hardship and enabling our country to move forward together.

While I recognize the importance and urgency of ongoing healthcare discussions, these matters should be resolved through open, good-faith negotiations—separate from the critical necessity of funding the government.

Now, more than ever, we need decisive action and principled leadership. I respectfully call on you to do everything in your power to end the shutdown immediately and support a clean Continuing Resolution. In doing so, you will help protect our communities, restore confidence in our government, and demonstrate your unwavering commitment to the people you serve.

Sincerely,

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