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Congress of the United States
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October 14, 2025

The Honorable Catherine Szpindor
Chief Administrative Officer
U.S. House of Representatives
Room HB-28, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Szpindor:

While the federal government continues to experience a lapse in appropriations, I request that you withhold my pay as a Member of Congress for the duration of the shutdown.

Maryland's Third Congressional District is home to over 44,000 federal workers, many of whom are currently furloughed or working without pay. With over half of Americans living paycheck to paycheck, a government shutdown creates real stress for millions of American families nationwide.

Until both parties come to the table, do their job, and reopen the government, Members of Congress should not receive pay. I respectfully ask that I be treated like any other federal employee and that you withhold my pay until an agreement to reopen the government is reached and signed into law. Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 202-225-4016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Elfreth".

Sarah K. Elfreth

Member of Congress