



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2025

Ms. Catherine Szpindor
Chief Administrative Officer
HB-28, Capital Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Szpindor:

Members of Congress are entrusted with a solemn duty to the American people. Our constituents send us to Washington, D.C. to fight for them, not ourselves, and I take seriously the oath I swore to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

Pursuant to the 27th Amendment of the Constitution, I hereby request that my congressional pay be withheld in the event of a lapse in government funding, beginning October 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time, and continuing until legislation is enacted to end such a lapse.

If federal employees, servicemembers, and families across Iowa are forced to shoulder the burden of a shutdown, Members of Congress should not be exempt. Iowans expect accountability, responsibility, and leadership, not politics as usual.

The American people deserve a fully functioning government. Democrats must put their constituents first, stop holding government funding hostage to radical demands, and join us in keeping our government open.

I appreciate your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at (202) 225-6576.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks M.D.".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.
Member of Congress