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The Honorable Dan Strodel
Chief Administrative Officer
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H-B28, the Capitol
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Dear Chief Administrative Officer Strodel:


I am writing to ask that I not be given my salary, earned for the month of October and thereafter, in the event of a lapse in appropriations until such funding legislation is enacted.

There is currently uncertainty as to whether appropriations will be enacted for the start of fiscal year (FY) 2014, which begins tomorrow, October 1, 2013. If there is a no appropriations legislation enacted, certain elements of the federal government will shut down.

In the event of a federal government shutdown, hundreds of thousands of federal employees will be furloughed. Others, who are deemed to perform essential services, will be forced to work. Despite the fact that these latter employees have to work, they will not receive paychecks during the period of a government shutdown. However, it is my understanding that I, as a Member of Congress, will continue to receive a paycheck.

I believe it is simply wrong and unfair for me to receive my salary while Americans working hard across the country as part of our federal workforce receive nothing until this appropriations crisis is resolved. Therefore, I ask that until federal employees who must work during a federal government shutdown are paid, I not be given my paycheck.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress