

October 1, 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 shutdown, I request that you withhold my pay as a Member of Congress. Members of Congress should play by the same rules as the people they represent. I do not think it would be right for me to continue to be paid while many public servants in Oregon are not receiving their salaries through no fault of their own. Until Congress reaches a bipartisan resolution to this impasse, one that makes whole the workers I represent in Oregon's 5th Congressional District, and fully reopens the government, I firmly believe that Member pay should be withheld.

Washington's dysfunction is unacceptable, and Oregonians have had enough. 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 you withhold my pay until an agreement to reopen the government is signed into law.

Sincerely,



Janelle Bynum
Member of Congress