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The Honorable Dan Strodel  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
H-B28, the Capitol  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chief Administrative Officer Strodel:

Following the lapse in government appropriations resulting in a government shutdown, I am requesting that my salary be withheld until legislation is signed into law that reopens the federal government.

Regrettably, Washington has once again been unable to take action that best serves the American people. Like many citizens in Michigan's First Congressional District, I am deeply concerned that the effects of this government shutdown could hurt hard-working families, our seniors and veterans, and put our small businesses at risk.

The concept behind my request is very simple—if Congress cannot get work done for the American people then they should not get paid. Moms and dads in Northern Michigan and throughout our nation earn their paychecks through hard work and by getting their jobs done.

I have already endorsed the "*Government Shutdown Fairness Act*" (H.R. 3160), which would prevent Members of Congress from being paid during a government shutdown. I hope that my colleagues and the President of the United States will join me in this effort.

As I indicated above, I hereby request that my salary be withheld until the President and both Houses of Congress can compromise and agree to a budget resolution that reopens the government and gets Washington working again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Benishek".

Dan Benishek M.D.  
Member of Congress  
Michigan's First District