

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 12, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell, and Leader Schumer,

We write to express grave concerns regarding the dwindling timeframe for the consideration of regular appropriations bills prior to the current funding deadline on December 20. With six days on the legislative calendar before funding expires, a bipartisan commitment is needed to fully fund the entire government through the end of FY 2020 and prevent yet another costly and unnecessary government shutdown.

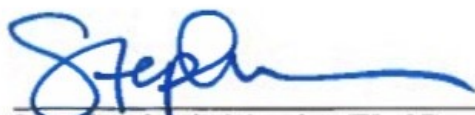
Providing adequate funding for government operations constitutes one of Congress's most fundamental responsibilities to the American people. With millions of our constituents depending on the certainty of federal funding for critical national defense operations and domestic programs, any lapse in appropriations represents an unacceptable outcome that needlessly jeopardizes their well-being.

In the absence of a long-term spending agreement, Congress has become reliant on short-term continuing resolutions (CRs) to avoid a government shutdown. These stop-gap CRs create financial uncertainty for hundreds of thousands of federal workers and an even larger number of Americans who depend on the services they provide. Moreover, our military leaders have warned Congress that lurching from CR to CR is detrimental to our troops and dangerous for our national security. Our armed forces depend on predictable budgeting to make reliable investments in technology and training that empower our men and women in uniform to combat growing threats around the globe.

Congress must end the political games and focus on delivering meaningful solutions to the American people. We urge you, the leaders of the House and the Senate, to come together to reach an agreement that fully funds the entire federal government through the end of FY 2020, so the American people can have the peace of mind they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We look forward to working together and ensuring our constituents have a strong voice on this pressing issue.

Sincerely,



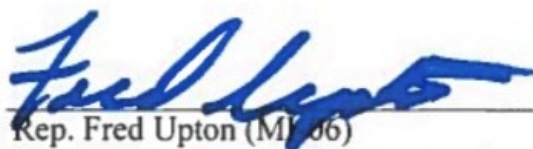
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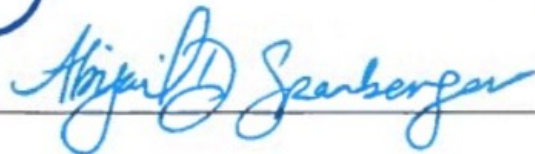
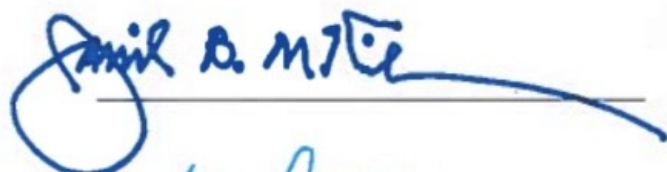
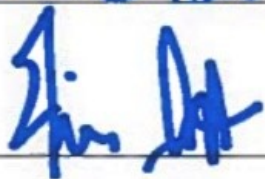
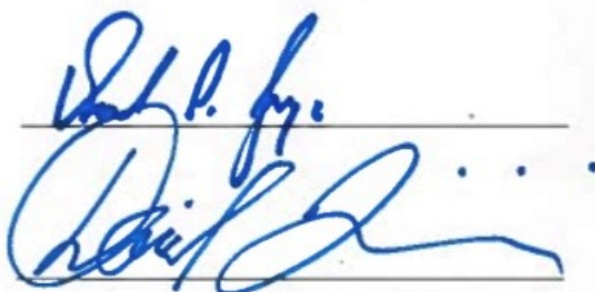
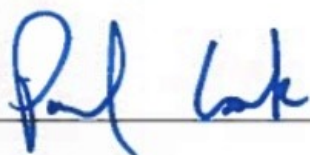
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