

January 18, 2019

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

On behalf of the American business community, we urge Congress and the administration to immediately take steps to restore the full operation of the federal government.

The current shutdown – now the longest in American history – is causing significant and in some cases lasting damage to families, businesses, and the economy as a whole. The harm is well documented and continues to compound with each passing day.

Since the shutdown began, various compromises have been floated by both Republicans and Democrats. There are numerous paths forward that would allow for the government to be reopened that should be acceptable to all parties. Failing to seize on one of those compromises that can pass Congress and be signed into law is unacceptable.

The time to act, the time to end this shutdown is now so that we can keep the economy moving forward.

Sincerely,

National

ACA International

Aeronautical Repair Station Association

Air-Conditioning, Heating, & Refrigeration
Institute

AirlinesforAmerica

American Bankers Association

American Bus Association

American Chemistry Council

American Coatings Association

American Council of Engineering

Companies

American Financial Services Association

American Public Transportation Association

America's SBDCs

Asian American Hotel Owners Association

Association of Global Automakers

Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Associated General Contractors of America

Association of Oil Pipe Lines

National Investor Relations Institute

Council for Responsible Nutrition

CCIM Institute

Energy Equipment and Infrastructure

Alliance

Federation of American Hospitals

Food Marketing Institute

Household & Commercial Products
Association
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers
Association
International Franchise Association
National Apartment Association
National Association of Government
Guaranteed Lenders
National Association of Surety Bond
Producers
National Association for the Self-Employed

National Beer Wholesalers Association
National Black Chamber of Commerce
National Council of Agricultural Employers
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Grocers Association Arlington
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Multifamily Housing Council
National Retail Federation
Security Industry Association
The Association for Advanced Life
Underwriting (AALU)
The Toy Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Alabama

Birmingham Business Alliance
Coastal Alabama Business Chamber
Fayette Area Chamber of Commerce
Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of
Commerce

Madison Chamber of Commerce
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Mountain Lake Chamber of Commerce
Shoals Chamber of Commerce
Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce

Alaska

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor
Center

Arizona

Arizona Chamber of Commerce and
Industry
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
Chandler Chamber of Commerce
Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce
Glendale Chamber of Commerce
Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Phoenix Chamber
Lake Havasu Chamber of Commerce
Surprise Regional Chamber

Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce
Tucson Metro Chamber TucsonAZ
Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce

Arkansas

Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce

California

Big Bear Chamber of Commerce

Brawley Chamber of Commerce
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce
Claremont Chamber of Commerce
Dana Point Chamber of Commerce
El Centro Chamber of Commerce
Encinitas Chamber of Commerce
Escondido Chamber of Commerce
Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce
Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce
Glendora Chamber of Commerce
Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce
Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce
Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce
Hispanic Chamber Silicon Valley
Holtville Chamber of Commerce
King City Chamber of Commerce &
Agriculture
Lakewood Junior Chamber & Alumni
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Altos Chamber of Commerce
Martinez Chamber of Commerce
Motorcycle Industry Council
Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce
Northern California World Trade Center
North Orange County Chamber
North San Diego Business Chamber
Orange County Business Council
Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce
Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce
Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Regional Chamber of Commerce - San
Gabriel Valley
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce
Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce
The Silicon Valley Organization
Valley Industry and Commerce Association
Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce
Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce

Colorado

Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
Greeley Area Chamber of Commerce
Vail Valley Partnership

Connecticut

Connecticut Business and Industry
Association
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce

Delaware

Delaware State Chamber of Commerce

Florida

Boca Chamber
Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of
Commerce
Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
Greater Winter Haven Chamber of
Commerce
Homestead Main Street

Miramar Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber
of Commerce

South Dade Chamber of Commerce

Tropical Everglades Visitor Association,
Inc.

Georgia

Dunwoody Perimeter Chamber

Fannin County Chamber of Commerce

Georgia Chamber of Commerce

Greater Columbus GA Chamber of
Commerce

Savannah, GA Chamber of Commerce

Visit Savannah

Guam

Guam Chamber of Commerce

Hawaii

Chamber of Commerce Hawaii

Idaho

Caldwell Chamber of Commerce

Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce

Jerome Chamber of Commerce

Idaho Association of Commerce and
Industry

Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce

Rexburg Chamber of Commerce

Illinois

Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce

Canton Area Chamber of Commerce

Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce

DeKalb Chamber of Commerce

Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce &
Industry

Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of
Commerce

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

Elgin Area Chamber

Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Geneva Chamber of Commerce

Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce
& Economic Development Partnership

Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce &
Industry

Highland Chamber of Commerce

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce

Illinois Association of Chamber of
Commerce Executives

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of
Commerce

Lombard Area Chamber of Commerce &
Industry

Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce

National Roofing Contractors Association

NW Illinois Economic Development

Paris Area Chamber of Commerce &
Tourism

Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce

Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Springfield Chamber of
Commerce

Wheaton Chamber of Commerce

West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Indiana

Decatur Chamber of Commerce
Gary Chamber of Commerce
Greater Kokomo Chamber of Commerce
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Indy Chamber Indianapolis
Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce
Noblesville Chamber of Commerce
South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce
Spencer County Regional Chamber of Commerce
Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce

Iowa

Ames Chamber of Commerce
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance
Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce
Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Kansas

Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce
Overland Park Chamber of Commerce
Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce

Kentucky

Cave City Chamber of Commerce
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Louisiana

Southwest Louisiana Chamber of Commerce

Maine

The Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

Maryland

Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce
Harford County Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce

Massachusetts

Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce
Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber
Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce
Eastham Chamber of Commerce
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
Metro South Chamber of Commerce
Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce
Orleans Chamber of Commerce
South Shore Chamber of Commerce
The United Regional Chamber of Commerce

Michigan

Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce
Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce
Cheboygan Area Visitors Bureau
Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce
Detroit Regional Chamber
Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce
Grandville Jenison Chamber
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce

Lansing Regional Chamber

Michigan West Coast Chamber of
Commerce

Shiawassee Regional Chamber of
Commerce

Minnesota

Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce

Dakota County Regional Chamber of
Commerce

Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce
and Tourism

Sleepy Eye Area Chamber of Commerce &
CVB

St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce

TwinWest Chamber of Commerce

Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce

Mississippi

Hancock Chamber of Commerce

Natchez Adams County Chamber of
Commerce

Mississippi Economic Council

Missouri

Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
& CVB

Farmington Regional Chamber

Missouri Chamber of Commerce and
Industry

Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce

St. Louis Regional Chamber

Montana

Big Sky Chamber of Commerce

Billings Chamber of Commerce

Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Montana Chamber of Commerce

Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce

Sweet Grass County Chamber of Commerce

Visit Big Sky

Nebraska

Bigfork Area Chamber of Commerce

Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce

Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Nebraska Chamber of Commerce &
Industry

Ralston Area Chamber

Nevada

Carson City Chamber of Commerce

Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce

Elko Area Chamber

Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce

Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce

White Pine Chamber of Commerce

New Hampshire

Business & Industry Association of New
Hampshire

New Mexico

New Mexico Association of Commerce and
Industry

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce

New Jersey

Chamber of Commerce Southern NJ

Hudson County Chamber of Commerce

New Jersey Chamber of Commerce
Newark Regional Business Partnership

New York

Chemung County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce
North Country Chamber of Commerce
Quebec-New York Corridor Coalition
The Business Council of Westchester
The Business Council of New York State

North Carolina

Avery Chamber of Commerce
Burke County Chamber of Commerce
Cleveland County Chamber

Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
Haywood Chamber of Commerce
Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

North Dakota

Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC
Greater North Dakota Chamber

Ohio

Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce
Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce
Cincinnati Regional Chamber of Commerce
Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
Galion-Crestline Chamber of Commerce
Oberlin Business Partnership

Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce
Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance
The Jefferson County Chamber of
Commerce
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Troy Area Chamber of Commerce
Vandalia Butler Chamber of Commerce

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Chamber
Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce
Tulsa Regional Chamber

Oregon

Albany Area Chamber
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce
Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce
The La Pine Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce
Oregon Business & Industry
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce

Pennsylvania

Delaware County Chamber of Commerce
Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce
Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
Lancaster Chamber
Main Line Chamber of Commerce
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and
Industry
Somerset County Chamber of Commerce
The Greater Scranton Chamber of
Commerce
TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce

Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce

Rhode Island

East Providence Area Chamber of
Commerce

Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce

Newport County Chamber of Commerce

Northern RI Chamber of Commerce

Rhode Island Business Coalition

Southern Rhode Island Chamber of
Commerce

The Greater Cranston Chamber of
Commerce

South Carolina

Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce

Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce

Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Greenville Chamber of Commerce

Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of
Commerce

Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging
Association

Simpsonville Area Chamber of Commerce

South Dakota

Rapid City Area Chamber of Com

Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

Tennessee

Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce

Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce

Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington
County Chamber

Kingsport Chamber of Commerce

Sevierville Chamber of Commerce

White House Area Chamber of Commerce

Texas

Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce

Alvin Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce

Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce

Frisco Chamber of Commerce

Granbury Chamber of Commerce

Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce

Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

McAllen Chamber of Commerce

Lubbock Chamber of Commerce

North Dallas Chamber of Commerce

North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

North Texas Commission

North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce

Palacios Chamber of Commerce

Pearland Chamber of Commerce

Portland Chamber of Commerce

Plano Chamber of Commerce

Rio Grande Valley Partnership

San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce

South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce

Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce

Vermont

Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce

Vermont Chamber of Commerce

Virginia

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

ChamberRVA

Falls Church Chamber of Commerce

Halifax County Chamber of Commerce

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce

Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Utah

Davis Chamber of Commerce

Salt Lake Chamber

South Salt Lake Chamber

Washington

Association of Washington Business

Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

Economic Alliance Snohomish County

Greater Spokane Inc.

Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce

Maple Valley Black Diamond Chamber of
Commerce

Pasco Chamber Of Commerce

Seattle Southside Chamber

Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber

Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce

Washington, D.C.

CHAMPS, Capitol Hill's Chamber of
Commerce

West Virginia

Chamber of Commerce of the Mid-Ohio
Valley

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Wisconsin

Forward Janesville

Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce

Wyoming

Buffalo Chamber of Commerce

Campbell County Chamber of Commerce

Cashmere Chamber of Commerce

Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce

Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce

Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce

Wyoming Lodging and Restaurant
Association

Wyoming State Chamber of Commerce