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October 2, 2025

Chief Administrative Officer Catherine Szpindor
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
HB-28, Capitol Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chief Administrative Officer Szpindor,

I am writing to notify you that I will decline to receive my congressional salary for the duration of the current government shutdown.

Tennessee's Ninth Congressional District is home to thousands of dedicated federal employees who work every day to keep our country safe, healthy, and moving forward. These public servants will not receive their paycheck due to no fault of their own. Additionally, thousands of my constituents will likely be impacted by the shutdown. These hardships are in addition to the looming health care crisis. I have made the decision not to accept my pay while so many of my constituents are left in uncertainty.

Until the government is reopened, I respectfully request that my pay be withheld.

As always, I remain,

Most sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress