

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
Senator  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

October 10, 2025

Dear Minority Leader Schumer and Senator Gillibrand,

You have abdicated your responsibility to New Yorkers. By consistently voting against the clean Continuing Resolution (CR), you have shut down the government with no willingness to reopen operations.

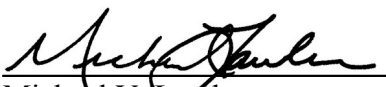
Throughout both of your decades in federal office, you have consistently supported clean CRs as a way to keep the government funded and open until Congress can pass bipartisan spending bills. This change in behavior, to spite President Trump and congressional Republicans, is a disservice to our nation and our institutions. In fact, both of you have been vocal about your past opposition to shutdowns and the dangers they wreak on the American people.

Minority Leader Schumer, in 2013, you called shutdowns “politics of idocracy.” In 2019, you said “shutting down government over a policy difference is self-defeating.” And just last year in 2024, you said that no reasonable member on either side of the aisle wants a government shutdown. I agree, Senator, your position now is unreasonable.

Senator Gillibrand, in 2013, you said a “government shutdown would harm the economy, hurt our military families & cost taxpayers \$\$ millions in waste.” In 2019, in response to concerns with air travel delays, you called the shutdown a “political game” and contended that it puts people’s lives at risk. Also in 2019, you stated that a shutdown means “American children will be going to bed hungry.” Where is your concern for the American people’s safety and livelihood now?

Shutting down the government only hurts New Yorkers. It helps no one, and it proves no point. I urge you both to reconsider the radical and harmful actions you have taken over the last two weeks, and vote immediately to reopen the government.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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