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September 29, 2025

The Honorable Catherine Szpindor
Chief Administrative Officer
U.S. House of Representatives
Room HB-28, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Szpindor:

If the federal government experiences a lapse in appropriations and is shut down on October 1st, I request that you withhold my pay as a Member of Congress. Members of Congress should follow the same rules as the people they represent. Until Congress and the White House come to a bipartisan resolution to this impasse, one that makes whole the workers I represent in New Jersey's Ninth District and fully reopens the government, I firmly believe Member pay should be withheld.

Having previously served in the state legislature for almost three decades, I find Washington's dysfunction is unacceptable, and New Jerseyans have had enough. Finding a budget compromise each year is one of Congress' core responsibilities, but the extreme partisanship in Washington is toxic and hinders good faith negotiation.

Until both parties and the White House come to the table, do their job, and reopen the government, I respectfully ask that you withhold my pay until an agreement is signed into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nellie Pou".

Nellie Pou
Member of Congress