

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Jan. 23, 2019

Dear Majority Leader McConnell,

We, the undersigned organizations, ask that you bring to the U.S. Senate floor legislation that immediately reopens the federal government, extends funding for all agencies closed or partially closed during the government shutdown and excludes any of the extraneous requests demanded by President Donald Trump on immigration or funding for his proposed southern border wall.

We also urge you and members of your caucus to vote in favor of such legislation to end the partial shutdown that has disrupted the lives and livelihoods of 800,000 federal workers and contract workers around the country, their families and their communities – and inflicted tens of billions of dollars of damage on our environment and economy.

Furthermore, we urge you, your Republican colleagues and President Trump to abandon the strategy of taking legislative hostages that harm ordinary people in our country to achieve policy goals opposed by a large majority of voters. This is extortion, plain and simple. It is outrageously undemocratic and a betrayal of the American people.

Sincerely,

Adirondack Wildlife Refuge and Rehabilitation  
Alaska Wilderness League  
Allied Progress  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
American Federation of Teachers  
Center for American Progress  
Center for Popular Democracy  
Center for Progressive Reform  
Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Clean Water Action  
Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Communications Workers of America  
Consumer Federation of America  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Demos  
Earthjustice  
Earthworks  
Economic Policy Institute  
Endangered Species Coalition

Environmental Working Group  
First Person Politics  
Food & Water Watch  
Friends of the Earth  
Greenpeace  
Health Justice Innovations  
Healthy Babies Healthy Families  
Herd on the Hill  
Hispanic Federation  
Interfaith Worker Justice  
Labor of Love Safety Training and Consulting  
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
League of Conservation Voters  
Los Padres ForestWatch  
Main Street Alliance  
Maine AFL-CIO  
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.  
NARAL Pro-Choice America  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Association of Consumer Advocates  
National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low income clients)  
National Consumers League  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Employment Law Project  
National Fair Housing Alliance  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Women's Law Center  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
New Jersey Association on Correction  
New Progressive Alliance  
Oxfam America  
PAI  
Partnership for Policy Integrity  
Partnership for the Public Good  
People For the American Way  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Pride Center of Staten Island, Inc.  
Public Citizen  
Public Justice Center  
Rachel Carson Council  
Restaurant Opportunities Centers United  
Rhode Island Committee on Occupational Safety and Health  
SafeWork Washington  
Sciencecorps

Service Employees International Union  
Service Employees International Union, Local 32BJ  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)  
Sierra Club  
Southern Border Communities Coalition  
Truman National Security Project  
UndocuBlack Network  
United Steelworkers  
United We Dream  
Voices for Progress  
The Wilderness Society  
The Worker Institute at Cornell University's ILR School  
Workplace Fairness