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Senators Peters and Slotkin:

We urgently write today regarding the ongoing government shutdown. As of today, October 8th, you have been given five separate opportunities to do the right thing for the American people and support H.R. 5371, the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026. Every single one of us voted in support of this seven-week, clean, and common-sense piece of legislation when it was passed by the House of Representatives on September 19th. This same kind of legislation has passed both chambers of Congress over a dozen times over the past several years. You both were supportive of a very similar piece of legislation (H.R. 10545) in December 2024. We urge you to do the same now for the good of all the people of Michigan, Republican and Democrat, whom you were elected to serve.

Our goal in passing this bill was quite simple: keep the government functioning for the American people. You both are well aware of the vital services the federal government provides to millions of Americans across our country. Roughly 56,000 Michiganders who work for the federal government are now furloughed and facing the possibility of missing their next paycheck due to this shutdown. There are over one million people in Michigan who rely on SNAP benefits. These individuals are now facing the reality that they won't be able to afford groceries due to this shutdown gambit by your Senate leadership.

Senate Minority Leader Schumer, with your backing, has made unrelated and outrageous policy demands that have nothing to do with government funding. It is long past time Senate Democrats stopped holding Michiganders and the American people hostage with this pointless showboating to far-left extremist elements.

This shutdown is completely unnecessary and only harms the American people who rely on services provided by the federal government – the very same services you both have voted to support time and time again. Now is the time for you both to show you are responsible

representatives of the outstanding citizens of the state of Michigan and do your duty as elected officials. You both must put petty politics aside and vote for H.R. 5371, and reopen our government so we all, as representatives of the great state of Michigan, can continue to better the lives of all across our state and our nation.

Sincerely,



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