

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 16, 2025

The Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Vought:

We commend the Trump Administration's decision to ensure our men and women in uniform continue to receive pay during this government shutdown. In the face of Democrat stonewalling, this was the right decision in honor of America's servicemembers who deserve the assurance of a paycheck as they defend our nation at home and abroad.

Now, as a next step, we write to express our support for OMB efforts to swiftly and appropriately achieve active shutdown pay for federal law enforcement personnel. We are grateful that, as has been reported¹, OMB is already considering such measures.

Federal law enforcement are currently performing dangerous, mission-critical work without pay—including Border Patrol, ICE agents, CBP officers, DEA, Secret Service, Federal Air Marshals, and Transportation Security Officers. Day in and day out, regardless of a shutdown, these brave individuals report for duty to protect our borders, safeguard commerce, interdict drugs, and keep our communities safe.

Those who valiantly defend our homeland should not see their morale or readiness undermined by Democrat political games or the uncertainty of their next paycheck. This is especially true in this climate of increasingly hateful rhetoric and violence directed at these officers—from the recent sniper assault on an ICE facility in Dallas to the nationwide harassment, endangerment, and doxxing of federal agents by extremist groups like Antifa, and by cartels placing assassination bounties on law enforcement officials².

In addition to already-demonstrated congressional support³ for this policy, we stand ready to work with the Trump Administration and our colleagues in Congress to ensure the success and implementation of a temporary measure to pay our federal law enforcement officers. Paying our troops was the right call—and paying our homeland defenders and law enforcement should be next. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Bill Huizenga
Member of Congress

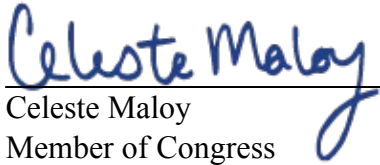


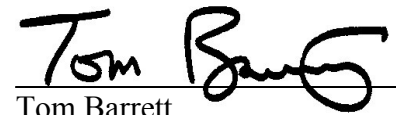
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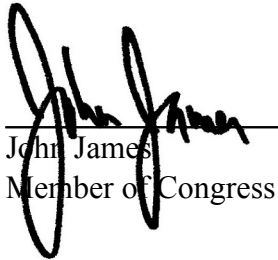
¹ Punchbowl News, "W.H. looks to pay law enforcement as shutdown drags on," Oct. 14, 2025. (<https://punchbowl.news/archive/101425-am/>)

² Department of Homeland Security, "Bounties originating from Mexico offered to shoot ICE and CBP officers in Chicago," Oct. 14, 2025. (<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/10/14/bounties-originating-mexico-offered-shoot-ice-and-cbp-officers-chicago>)

³ H.R. 5389 – Pay Our Homeland Defenders Act (Huizenga, MI-04)

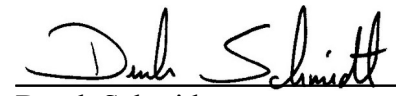

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