

United States Senate

September 28, 2023

Ted Ruckner
Financial Clerk of the Senate
127 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Mr. Ruckner,

I'm writing to request that my salary be withheld during the impending government shutdown. It's not right for Members of Congress to be paid during a shutdown if our servicemembers aren't.

I spent the last several days fighting on the floor of the Senate to ensure members of our Armed Forces get paid during the shutdown. Democrats have unfortunately—and unconscionably—blocked that.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
Senator, R-Texas