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What a Government Shutdown Means for Maryland's Fourth District



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Dear Neighbor,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. Labor Day is behind us, and a new session of Congress is about to begin. But while we were celebrating hard-working Americans, MAGA Republicans were working hard to throw them under the bus. Far-right lawmakers, led by Marjorie Taylor Greene, are threatening to shut down the federal government unless Speaker McCarthy pushes a sham impeachment inquiry into President

Joe Biden. This is political blackmail, plain and simple. Worse still, MAGA Republicans know that a shutdown would hurt our economy and put lives at risk. They've already decided that any political gain is worth the price of human suffering.

Maryland's Fourth District would be acutely affected by a shutdown. Our community is home to many government agencies and contractors due to our proximity to Washington. These businesses may effectively cease operations and not be able to pay their employees. Shortfalls for infrastructure and trash collection along the National Mall, Lincoln Memorial and the Reverend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial would become immediately apparent. Medicare, Medicaid, and veterans services would be disrupted; Social Security and food-stamp payments delayed; and natural-disaster relief curtailed during hurricane season. Indeed, the negative impacts of a shutdown are so sweeping that it is difficult to imagine the extent of the damage, let alone why anyone would choose to let it happen. It seems crazy, and it is.

But the "Shutdown Sham" is not an idle threat. MAGA Republicans actually *want* to shut down the federal government. It's their desperate strategy to distract from Trump's criminal charges. It also reveals their disdain, both for the government of which they are a part and for the people they took an oath to serve. They don't understand what the government does. And they simply do not care about the pain that a shutdown would cause for people – everyday Americans – who rely on government services, whether they're on disability or enjoying national parks like Mt. Rushmore.

As your Congressman, it is my job to represent your best interests, and that means fighting back against those who abuse their power. First, I will join my allies in Congress to strike down this latest attempt to hijack our democracy. Second, I will call for reforming the debt-ceiling process so that the full faith and credit of the United States can never again be used as a political football or subject to gamesmanship by the GOP. Enough is enough.

Rest assured that your well-being is my top priority as we face the days ahead. If there is anything I can do to better serve you, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. As always, you make me proud to represent Maryland's Fourth District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Ivey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "G" and "I".

Rep. Glenn Ivey
Member of Congress

