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General Gordon R. Sullivan  
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President

The Honorable John Boehner  
United States House of Representatives  
1011 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

On behalf of the members of the Association of the United States Army, I write to urge your immediate action to end the federal government shutdown. The negative effects of this needless action are manifold and increasing daily.

While many Department of Defense personnel will now be able to return to work and receive pay, funding for the equipment, supplies, materiel and other things the department needs to continue operating efficiently are still not appropriated. The lapse in appropriations continues to diminish the capabilities of our fighting forces at a time when the nation is at war. Second and third order effects ripple out to members of the defense industry large and small, their workers, and the communities they support.

With each passing day that Congress fails to accomplish what they were elected to do, the readiness of our armed forces becomes more at risk. I ask that you work in a bipartisan manner to end the impasse and pass legislation to restore funding to the federal government.

Sincerely,



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