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Senators Warnock and Ossoff:

We write to you with a clear ask: set aside partisan politics and join us in reopening the government. It has been over two weeks since we in the House of Representatives came together to do the right thing and pass H.R. 5371, the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2026. This clean, continuing resolution is a responsible stopgap measure that would fund our government operations so we can continue to do our jobs as appropriators.

Since then, the Senate has failed to act and has allowed for the September 30th government funding deadline to lapse. This inaction has real consequences for Georgia families and hardworking Americans. Food assistance, veterans' benefits, and vital support for women and children have been disrupted, while federal employees and service members now face uncertainty over their paychecks and livelihood.

This was an entirely avoidable situation as H.R. 5371 was, and still is, the very compromise that Senate Democrat leadership refuses to acknowledge. To have a civil debate regarding public policy, we must first work together to reopen our government and keep essential services afloat. The refusal to vote for such commonsense legislation and instead hold Georgia residents hostage is contrary to the very positions that you have claimed for the past four years. You and your colleagues have voted for bills like this over a dozen times under the previous administration. While we may not have agreed with the rampant spending that ensued under President Biden, both bodies of Congress did the responsible thing in keeping government open.

This shutdown has also left Georgia's farmers in a precarious position. The Farm Service Agency has halted new farm and commodity loans, which are critical for family farms, particularly during harvest season. Disaster relief payments, which help producers recover from floods, droughts, and other severe weather events, have also been frozen. This compounds the uncertainty faced by our farmers, who are already grappling with unpredictable growing conditions. Our farmers feed America, and they deserve a government that functions as dependably as they do.

Today, the Senate is choosing to play a partisan game at the expense of everyday Americans. We urge you to stop playing that game and join us in ending this shutdown. The needs of Georgia families and farmers are far too urgent to be caught in the crossfire of partisan gamesmanship. Our duty is to our shared Georgia constituents, and we must act together for their own good.

Sincerely,



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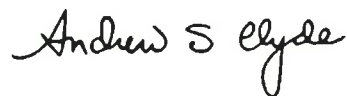
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