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The Honorable Alex Padilla
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The Honorable Adam Schiff
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Subject: Support for a Clean Continuing Resolution

Dear Senators Padilla and Schiff,

I am writing to urge your support for a clean continuing resolution to fund the federal government and put an end to this reckless shutdown.

We are now in the fourth week of the shutdown, and while the impact is being felt statewide, its effects are exacerbated in my district. From Santa Clarita to the Antelope Valley and the Victor Valley, these communities are home to thousands of federal civilian employees and contractors, including those working at Edwards Air Force Base, NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center, the Forest Service, the FAA, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

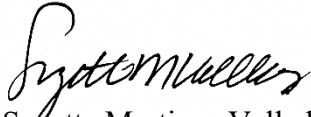
Many of these families are now missing paychecks and struggling to cover basic expenses like housing, groceries, and healthcare. Local small businesses that depend on their spending are feeling the ripple effects as well.

Across California, more than 150,000 federal civilian employees are going without pay, and approximately 5.5 million Californians who rely on CalFresh food assistance could soon face devastating interruptions in benefits. I'm hearing from real people in my district who are forced to choose between gas and groceries because of a crisis they didn't create.

This is no time for political games. The hypocrisy of blaming one another while families suffer is unacceptable. Californians expect their representatives at every level of government to rise above partisanship and deliver real solutions.

It's moments like this that require bipartisan leadership and a willingness to put people before politics, and I urge you to do exactly that. Please support a clean continuing resolution that keeps our federal government open, protects our workforce, and provides stability for the Californians who are counting on all of us to lead responsibly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzette Martinez Valladares". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Suzette Martinez Valladares
Senator, 23rd District