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**Re: Federal Government Shutdown and Debt Ceiling Update**

Dear Mayor Foster, Council Members, and People of the City of Long Beach:

As the government shutdown drags through its 15<sup>th</sup> day, and we approach the deadline for raising the debt ceiling to avert an economic shutdown, I wanted to send a brief note to offer some reassurance, and to tell you what I and my office are doing.

I am optimistic that Congress will come to an agreement to reopen the government and raise the debt ceiling before the Thursday, October 17 deadline. There is a bipartisan proposal gaining support in the Senate that would end the shutdown, avert a Federal Government default (resulting from reaching and/or exceeding the debt ceiling), and put Congress on a course for a long-term budget agreement next year. I am hopeful that we in the House will have the opportunity to vote in favor of this proposal, and put all of this reckless partisanship behind us.

If we do reach Thursday without a deal, however, I want to assure you that my office will remain open—as it has been throughout this current crisis — to help you and your constituents. While many of the federal agencies and departments you work with have been largely inoperative, my district office is still open and available to help you navigate the shutdown. I of course will keep fighting for you in Washington D.C. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions, and we will do our best to get you answers and offer support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Hahn".

Janice Hahn  
Member of Congress