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Dear Senators Kelly and Gallego:

The Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry has long opposed federal government shutdowns, regardless of which party initiates them.

We opposed the 2013 shutdown, when Republicans attempted to use a funding impasse to defund the Affordable Care Act. We opposed the 2019 shutdown, when Republicans withheld funding unless the border wall was approved. We have consistently opposed shutdown threats by Freedom Caucus Republicans seeking leverage over broader fiscal policy.

That principle guides us today: avoiding a shutdown must remain a top priority.

While individual policy debates—over health care, debt, or border security—deserve serious discussion, they should not be used as leverage to collapse funding for essential government services.

A prolonged government shutdown will carry real risks for Arizona's economy. The uncertainty it creates for employers, workers, and investors would ripple across industries—from delayed federal contracts that affect manufacturing, to potential national park closures that harm tourism, to permitting and regulatory slowdowns that impact future investment. Too much is on the line for Arizona's economy and for the many Arizonans who rely on uninterrupted government services.

We recognize that in today's political climate, and with issues of this magnitude at stake, finding agreement is especially difficult. But the Senate has long been a place where compromise is not only possible but expected.

In that spirit, on Monday, two Democratic senators and one Independent broke ranks to support a "clean" continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government open, but the measure failed to secure the 60 votes needed for passage.

In the past, you have supported keeping the government open and using regular order to negotiate policy. We urge you to do so again now by voting for a clean CR or another measure to end the shutdown.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Seiden".

Danny Seiden, *President/CEO*  
Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry