

September 29, 2015

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RE: A Government Shutdown Will Inflict Real Damage on your Constituents

Dear Utah Senators and Representatives,

The undersigned businesses in Utah will suffer significant financial hardships if you vote to shutdown the Government. Our businesses depend on visitation to public lands of all types. Even if Governor Herbert is able to re-open the National Parks, our businesses require access and services from Bureau of Land Management and US Forest Service employees. Communities throughout Utah depend on these public lands.

Congress's inability to govern in a practical manner will cost us real dollars, but unlike a natural disaster or a corporate accident, no one will be stepping forward to make us whole. Payrolls will be missed, taxes will not be collected, and the hard earned capital of Utah families and business owners will be wasted.

Utah's outdoor industry annually contributes \$3.6 billion in wages and salaries and over \$856 million in state and local tax revenue. A government shutdown will have profound affects not only on outdoor related businesses, but also on:

- **Your Constituent's Jobs** - Up to 40,000 Utahns will be furloughed from their jobs, including civilian defense contractors, military installations such as Hill Air Force Base, the Internal Revenue Service's Ogden Service Center, and the many employees with the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and US Forest Service. Also, Utah state government will furlough approximately 215 employees who oversee federal programs, and 270 employees of county health departments could be furloughed.
- **Gateway Communities in Utah** - With October representing one of the year's biggest months for gateway communities in Utah, revenues generated at this time of year are critical for maintaining year round operations. This will have lasting negative

effects for business investment well into 2016.

- **Visitors from Around the World** - These people will once again marvel at American's inability to govern itself. Families with plans to travel to public lands will find closed trails, picnic areas, river put-ins, climbing areas, and campgrounds they reserved months ago.
- **The Utah Brand** - The millions of dollars we spent attracting visitors to Utah will be wasted.

There is no justification for the financial damage you will inflict on your own constituents. We hope you will consider the needs of Utah residents and all Americans who depend on our public lands and pass a federal budget before September 30th.

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