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To the Members of the United States Congress:

ENOUGH.

Government shutdowns are always counterproductive, imposing heavy burdens on federal employees and contractors as well as businesses and citizens who rely on the services government provides.

We have been through shutdowns before, but this one – the longest full government shutdown in American history – is now putting the safety and livelihood of the American people at risk. Each day the federal government remains closed, the likelihood of a catastrophic event increases.

The Chamber calls on Senate Democrats to immediately vote to reopen the government and work with Republicans to address the very real issues of healthcare affordability.

We recognize the challenges inherent in securing the 60 votes required to advance legislation in the Senate. However, these difficulties should never justify government shutdowns or attempts to abolish the legislative filibuster. The Chamber has consistently emphasized that the 60-vote threshold for most legislation plays a vital role in fostering lasting compromises, as intended by our Founders. This process has been instrumental in supporting the nation and free enterprise for nearly 250 years.

Sincerely,

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