

Governor Phil Murphy

Statement by Governor Murphy on Republican Government Shutdown

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“The Republican Party controls every arm of government in Washington. But instead of upholding their most basic duty – keeping the government open – they are abandoning the American people and threatening to raise costs for millions of working families, including thousands here in New Jersey.

“After months of chaos in Washington, the American people are already being battered by high costs and reckless federal cuts. And now, Congressional Republicans want to make matters worse by refusing to restore funding for Medicaid and raising health care premiums.

“Imagine that: Republicans want working families to pay more for health care so wealthy corporations can pay less in taxes. It is as insulting as it is nonsensical.

“This Republican government shutdown is a disaster for the more than 22,000 federal employees who call New Jersey home, as well as the hundreds of thousands of our neighbors who rely on the federal government for critical services. To help mitigate the damage, I have directed state agencies to do whatever they can to minimize the shutdown’s impact on our residents.

“But let’s be clear: this shutdown could end today if Congressional Republicans returned to Washington and did their jobs. Unlike them, the people of New Jersey don’t have time to waste. They must reopen the government immediately.”

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