

# GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: BAD FOR AMERICA

## BAD FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

- ⇒ **More undocumented aliens** will cross American borders illegally due to reduced Border Patrol operations
- ⇒ **Counterterrorism efforts weakened** due to delayed upgrades to CBP targeting systems
- ⇒ **Risks aviation security** due to reductions to TSA screening operations, and all but ensures **increased airport wait times**
- ⇒ Damages diplomatic activities at **key national security posts** in places like Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and Pakistan
- ⇒ Puts us at risk for **cyber-intrusions and cyber-espionage** due to delayed technology upgrades

## BAD FOR OUR TROOPS AND VETERANS

- ⇒ **Scaled-back military medical treatments**, particularly for routine and elective procedures
- ⇒ **Worsens the already unacceptable VA disabilities claim backlog**, and stops any investments in IT to fix this problem
- ⇒ School districts serving military children relying on Impact Aid payments might not be able to pay their teachers
- ⇒ No employment and job training for veterans

## BAD FOR OUR ECONOMY

- The U.S. will not be able to support international trade** — limiting exports and having a negative impact on our trade balance
- ⇒ **Delays approval of new export financing** and issuance of export licenses
  - ⇒ No guidance provided for U.S. businesses navigating overseas markets
  - ⇒ USDA cannot sustain what is anticipated to be the highest export level ever—\$139.5B—or the jobs associated with this

**American industry will not be able to operate business as usual** — hampering productivity and slowing growth

- ⇒ **Halts processing of air and water permits** needed by businesses to operate or start new construction programs
- ⇒ **Slows oil and gas production** across the nation due to delayed permitting, planning, and exploration
- ⇒ **No new business loans** through Small Business Administration, no loans or assistance for agricultural producers
- ⇒ Stops Federal Trade Commission review and **approval of mergers and acquisitions**
- ⇒ Stops Army Corps of Engineers **mining, dredging, and construction activities**, as well as regulator enforcement, negatively impacting private sector businesses that rely on these activities to operate

**Job creation will slow considerably—and in some cases, jobs will be lost.**

- ⇒ Jeopardizes funding for **drinking water and sewer infrastructure construction jobs** in almost 800 communities, in every congressional district
- ⇒ Delays permitting for infrastructure and development projects that create jobs and improve our nation

## **BAD FOR OUR SAFETY**

- ⇒ **Hampers drug-fighting programs**, like ONDCP task forces and drug-free communities & Coast Guard counternarcotics
- ⇒ **Risks long-term effects on federal law enforcement**, including personnel reductions, due to reduced training time
- ⇒ Curtails new DOJ investigative efforts, and mostly **stops civil litigation** within DOJ
- ⇒ **Judges and courts staff would not be paid** after filing fee collections run out
- ⇒ **Limits ability to fight financial crimes** and counterfeiting at the Financial Crime Enforcement Network and Secret Service

## **BAD FOR OUR HEALTH**

- ⇒ **Puts the public health at serious risk**: CDC ceases its disease surveillance and hotline calls concerning infectious disease outbreaks; and public service announcements for flu shots are suspended
- ⇒ **Fewer life-saving drugs and devices enter the market** place due to a longer review process at the FDA
- ⇒ NIH Clinical Centers cannot accept new patients or start new trials

## **BAD FOR AMERICAN INNOVATION**

- ⇒ **Ends the 150-year partnership between taxpayers and land-grant universities**, which educate and train more than 4.6 million students each year
- ⇒ **Delays copyright registration and fee collections**
- ⇒ NASA space science and human exploration developments will fall behind schedule, risking readiness and adding costs

## **BAD FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS**

- ⇒ **Stops food assistance, hurting millions of Americans**: 13 million children lose access to school breakfast, and 31 million children lose access to school lunch; 8.7 million women do not receive food assistance via the WIC program; and 47.5 million who rely on SNAP to put food on the table lose their benefits.
- ⇒ Delays for new participants in the Social Security as well as with problem resolution—though checks will still be issued
- ⇒ **14,000 rural residents lose housing assistance**
- ⇒ **Human and community services, like hospitals, schools and jails, for Indian Country** will close, significantly impacting a population that already suffers from some of the poorest living conditions in the country
- ⇒ Halts important grants for older Americans, communities, schools, and social service agencies

## **BAD FOR OTHER IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

- ⇒ **No disaster relief for ongoing recovery**, including for Hurricane Sandy and Oklahoma efforts; no first responder grants
- ⇒ Complete closure or reduced hours of 2,500 Corps of Engineer sites and 450 lakes, 401 national parks, 71 fish hatcheries, and 553 wildlife refuges, DC's historic Smithsonian museums, and sites such as the Capitol and the Library of Congress, and other national treasures
- ⇒ **Visas and passports cannot be processed**