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JOINT STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN INEZ TENENBAUM,  
COMMISSIONER NANCY NORD, COMMISSIONER ANNE NORTHUP  
AND COMMISSIONER ROBERT ADLER  
ON THE PENDING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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If the President and Congress fail to resolve the current federal budget crisis today and the result is a federal government shutdown at midnight that results in federal employees not being paid, we will be returning to the U.S. Treasury our salaries during this furlough period. Although we have been designated “exempted” employees entitled to be paid, we cannot, in good conscience, agree to that designation while the hard working public servants at the CPSC and other federal employees, including our military men and women, are affected by this budget impasse. We will continue to fulfill our duties at the CPSC during this timeframe.