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TO: All Tribal Employees,  
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FROM: , Chairman  
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SUBJECT: Federal Government Shutdown

It now appears highly likely that the US Congress will be unable to agree to a new Federal budget by midnight which is the start of the new fiscal year, and that non-essential federal services will be "shutdown".

The Hopi Tribe has been informed that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) along with other federal agencies will be required to administratively furlough all employees unless they are covered in Excepted or Exempted positions. The exception to the federal furlough is the BIA Law Enforcement and operation of Hopi Detention Facility. In addition, Indian Health Service (IHS) would continue to provide direct clinical health care services as well as referrals for contracted services that cannot be provided through IHS clinics. Without federal appropriations, the federal agencies such as the BIA will have no authority to disburse payments to Indian Tribes outside these services.

However, despite the looming "shutdown", we do not feel at this time that the "shutdown" will have an immediate impact on the Tribe's employees and services that are federally funded. Over time, the lack of Federal funding for certain programs and departments of the Tribe will be impacted, and the Council is considering actions to temporarily address and alleviate any negative short-term impacts that the Federal government "shutdown" may have on the Tribe and its programs and employees. We will continue to monitor the situation and will periodically issue updates.