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The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
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Executive Office of the President
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Dear Mr. Mulvaney:

The U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations is reviewing matters related to government shutdowns caused by lapses in appropriations. To assist the Subcommittee's review, please provide the information requested below about the costs your office and its agencies incurred as a result of the last three government shutdowns (October 1, 2013 to October 16, 2013; January 20, 2018 to January 23, 2018; and December 22, 2018 to January 25, 2019). Please provide three sets of information—i.e., responses to each request for each of the three time periods. If you are unable to provide exact numbers for any of the requests below, please provide estimates.

1. Please provide:
   a. The number of federal employees furloughed.
   b. The total number of combined employee furlough days.
   c. The total amount paid to federal workers for the time they were furloughed, including, but not limited to any back pay received when the shutdown ended.
   d. Any additional costs or financial consequences associated with lost productivity. Please specify the cause of each of those costs.

2. The number of contractor employees:
   a. laid off or
   b. required to use leave.

3. The total costs associated with and/or resources necessary for development and implementation of contingency plans and completion of shutdown activities, including, but not limited to, all preparations performed in anticipation of the shutdown, and communication with federal employees and contractors regarding furloughs and suspension of operations.

4. The total costs associated with and/or resources necessary for monitoring the shutdown, including adjustments to furlough plans.

5. The total costs associated with and/or resources necessary for reopening and restarting normal operation of agency activities, including, but not limited to, preparations performed during the shutdown in anticipation of reopening, notification of employees regarding furlough status, restarting information technology systems, and resuming program activities such as grants and contracts.

6. Any analyses or reports related to external or internal costs incurred by your office (or any related agency components) during each shutdown.

7. Information describing any unique disruptions to operations or other effects experienced during the shutdown period, including, but not limited to:

    a. Halted or delayed permitting, approvals, reviews, inspections, or investigations;
    b. Any disruption or delay related to law enforcement activities;
    c. Any disruption to research, scientific or otherwise;
    d. Delayed disbursement of grant funds or other monetary assistance;
    e. Costs associated with cancelled travel;
    f. Costs associated with delayed or cancelled maintenance or facilities operations activities;
    g. Delayed projects, acquisitions, or contracts;
    h. Lost revenues or fees, including donations; and
    i. Interest due on late payments.

8. Describe any expected long-term effects of each shutdown on your agency.

The Subcommittee requests that your office provide responsive materials as soon as possible, but in any event, no later than March 22, 2019. To avoid unnecessary delays in connection with this production, we ask that you review the *Procedures for Transmitting Documents to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations* provided in Attachment A.

Sincerely,

Rob Portman
Chairman
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

Tom Carper
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

Attachment: *Procedures for Transmitting Documents to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations*