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The Honorable Jacky Rosen
United States Senator
United States Senate
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Rosen,

I'm writing to express my concern about the ongoing federal government shutdown and its growing impact on Nevada families, businesses, and communities.

Thousands of federal employees in Nevada are facing missed paychecks, while essential programs — from housing assistance to nutrition support — are being disrupted. Our communities are all at risk of further harm the longer this shutdown continues.

If the federal shutdown extends beyond October 31, I'm particularly concerned by the cessation of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding, which would result in 495,000 Nevadans losing their benefits next month. We know state resources alone are not adequate to meet the needs of Nevada families, yet we continue to work to bridge anticipated gaps in federal funding. At my direction, the Governor's Finance Office, Nevada Department of Human Services, and the Nevada Department of Agriculture are working to provide supplemental food bank assistance for SNAP beneficiaries, but reaching every Nevadan in need of nutrition assistance, particularly in our rural communities, is a challenge.

It's critical that we come together — regardless of party — to keep our government open and serving the public. I have been encouraged to see bipartisan support in the Senate to end the shutdown, including from Senator Cortez Masto. I hope you'll consider the growing impacts of the shutdown on Nevadans and work with your colleagues to reopen the federal government.

Our state is special in our ability to work collaboratively to solve problems and put people above politics. I know you share my commitment to upholding that precedent, and I'm confident that through cooperation and goodwill, we can restore stability and move forward together.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Governor Joe Lombardo, written in a cursive style.

Governor Joe Lombardo