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Washington, DC – Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement on possibility of a government shutdown.

"Shutting down the federal government has been the Tea Party Republicans' goal since last November. Any temporary shutdown of the federal government can only be called a short-sighted, hollow victory for Tea Party extremism over common sense compromise. Their victory is a loss for the American people.

"I believe compromise was possible and continues to be possible. My job is not to shutdown government, but to work for the families and constituents I was elected to serve. On Monday morning my offices in St. Paul and Washington will be open for business. My staff and I will not be held hostage by these destructive Tea Party tactics. We will be working to serve the residents of Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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