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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On June 28, 2019, I wrote you asking that you cancel the August recess if the House had not addressed the many critical issues facing our Nation. Three weeks later, we are no further on the major issues affecting the American people. Therefore, I again urge you to cancel the August recess and keep members in Washington.

The House has yet to consider legislation to adjust budget caps, address the debt ceiling, or complete all 12 appropriations bills. With only four legislative days until we adjourn for August recess and 17 legislative days until the end of the fiscal year, Congress should remain in Washington until the work is complete. The House should immediately complete action on funding bills, so they can be openly debated through regular order and sent to the U.S. Senate for immediate consideration, as well as debate a debt ceiling and budget caps deal.

I appreciate that district work periods allow Members to visit with folks back in their respective communities, but it is now becoming a habit for Congress to abandon a long "to do" list in the rush to get out of town. It is easy to anticipate that this August will be no exception.

But Congress has not done its job. Our constituents expect us to stay and complete the work of the American people. I stand ready to work around the clock to get the government funded before we break in August, well before the September 30 deadline. The American people expect Congress to work tirelessly to restore American greatness.

These critical national priorities, especially funding our nation's defense, fixing our broken infrastructure, and getting our fiscal house in order are too important to delay. I ask that you keep the House in session to finish the business of the people.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress