



October 1, 2015

The Honorable David Jolly  
United States Congress  
1728 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jolly:

On behalf of the over 1,200 members of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, we write to encourage you to work with your colleagues in the House of Representatives to pass a full fiscal budget before the short-term funding bill expires in December. Allowing for any break in the federal budget will not only affect those in Washington, D.C. but hundreds of thousands of people throughout the country.

In Hillsborough County, the effects of a government shutdown will have a tremendous negative impact on MacDill Air Force Base and the surrounding community. As I am sure you are aware, the base has a list of scheduled improvements and updates that are vital to the function of daily activities and the security of not only the men and women who work on base but also the American people whom they protect. Cutting off funding for these projects means many defense needs will remain unmet.

Not only does the possibility of a shutdown affect those in the military who call Tampa Bay home, it will have implications on the many local companies that have federal contracts which they and their employees depend upon. In Hillsborough County alone there are approximately 1,300 companies who do business with the federal government and in the five-county region there are approximately 3,000 companies that have contracts with the federal government. The number of civilians who could easily be unemployed by a shutdown in our area alone is staggering.

As a member of Congress who cares about the people whom you represent, we respectfully urge you to consider the effects of your vote in Washington, D.C. and here in the Tampa Bay area. We hope that you and the other members of the House will come together and pass a true fiscal budget that will keep the United States government running and serving the people of our country.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Rohrlack".

Bob Rohrlack, CCE  
President & CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald Christaldi".

Ronald Christaldi, Esq.  
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