



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

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Dear Colleagues,

As many of you are aware, annual funding for the government expires on September 30, 2015. The Administration strongly believes that a lapse in funding should not occur. There is enough time for Congress to prevent a lapse in appropriations.

However, prudent management requires that we be prepared for all contingencies, including the possibility that a lapse could occur at the end of the month. As we saw in 2013, a lapse would mean that a number of government activities would cease due to a lack of appropriated funding, and that a number of employees would again be temporarily furloughed. To prepare for this possibility, we are working to update our contingency plans for executing an orderly shutdown of activities that would be affected by a lapse in appropriations.

The uncertainty of the current circumstance puts our workforce in a difficult situation, and should a lapse occur, it could impose hardships on many employees as well as the people that we serve every day. As we approach the end of the month, we are committed to providing you with updated and timely information on any further developments.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and patience through this process, and for all that you do for the Department of Justice and the American people.

Sincerely,

Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General