



Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
51 Monroe Street, Suite 1800, Rockville, MD 20850
301-738-0015 phone | 301-738-8792 fax | www.mcccmd.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 25, 2019

MEDIA CONTACT: [Alexis Reed](#)
Director of Marketing and Communications
(240) 403-3529

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Statement on End of Government Shutdown

We are glad to hear that the federal government is being reopened temporarily. This is a good first step in ending the nation's longest government shutdown in history. We thank our Congressional delegation for working to resolve this issue which has had a significant impact on our contractors, especially small businesses.

Nevertheless, we want to ensure that history does not repeat itself. The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will be pressing for legislation to put protections in place for federal contractors in order to mitigate the hardships of a government shutdown. Although federal workers will receive back pay, federal contractors are left holding the bag. It will take time for our members to recover from the shutdown and we hope agencies will make them whole.

The disruption caused by federal government shutdowns – whether partial or total – threatens our national security and economy. We urge Congress and the President to break the unfortunate budget cycle of continuing resolutions and government shutdowns. The Montgomery County business community deserves better.

###