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NDD United Calls on Congress and the President to Swiftly Reopen the Federal Government

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Washington, DC – As the shutdown of a large part of the federal government now extends to 34 days, NDD United – an alliance of more than 2,000 national, state, and local organizations working to protect investments in core domestic government functions that benefit all Americans – issued the following statement:

The current stalemate shuttering many federal continues to jeopardize Americans’ well-being and livelihoods. There examples of harmful impacts abound.

Last year NDD United issued a report, Faces of Austerity 2.0: How Budget Cuts Continue to Make us Sicker, Poorer, and Less Secure, that highlighted the additional investments needed for core government functions that Americans rely on and benefit from every day. Many of these services have been shut down since December 22, including federal law enforcement, transportation safety, food safety, science, financial services, natural resource protection, among other key roles of the government.

The shutdown is directly hurting Americans who use the full range of federal services, the 800,000 federal employees who are furloughed or working without pay, the countless federal contractors and businesses that rely on the operation of federal activities. On an economy-wide level, the shutdown has already lowered quarterly economic growth.

We urge Congress and the President to work together to quickly reopen the government and fund the vital services that have been shut down since December 22.