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Good afternoon,

The Trump administration last night delivered a sweeping <u>directive</u> from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to freeze all federal grants, loans and other aid. I have heard from many of you and share your concerns about how this freeze will affect the programs many families depend on. While this wide-reaching directive from OMB was intended to exclude Social Security, Medicare and other programs providing direct aid to individuals, the Governor's office has informed us that ALL federal grant funding has been frozen to the State as of this morning, including funding tied to programs that provide direct aid to our constituents, such as Medicaid, SNAP and WIC–a nutrition program utilized by over 40% of infants in this country. We have heard that similar cases are occurring across the country.

Due to the abrupt nature of this directive, as well the overly broad language, our office still does not have clear guidance from the Trump administration on which programs will be impacted long term. It seems that many community service programs will be impacted, including entities such as the Boys & Girls Clubs, Head Start, veterans employment and training programs, homeless shelters and similar core service nonprofits. These organizations are already facing challenges operating as their staff are paid directly through federal grants. Our office will continue to work with all local, state and federal stakeholders as we navigate this uncertain and unstable landscape. Please let our office know of any updates or additional information of which we should be aware.

That said, our Congressional office is ready to help you in any way we can, including regular updates on this evolving situation and if you have difficulty accessing any funding from a federal agency. My team can be contacted through our <u>website</u> or at (301) 926-0300.

Sincerely,

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