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Border Trade Alliance to Capitol Hill: Pass a continuing resolution to avert government shutdown BTA warns of consequences if CBP Officers face lapse in pay

WASHINGTON—Border Trade Alliance President Ms. Britton Mullen released the following statement as Congress and the administration have yet to reach an agreement that would avoid a lapse in funding when the new fiscal year begins on Wednesday:

"Furloughs, reduced staffing, and any service interruptions would create costly delays and jeopardize economic stability on both sides of the border. Just as concerning, our frontline Customs and Border Protection personnel, who are already stretched thin, would be forced to work without pay, further straining morale, recruitment, and retention.

"The Border Trade Alliance urges the U.S. Senate to swiftly pass a continuing resolution to ensure that our hardworking professionals in cross-border security and trade can continue to do their jobs without a lapse in pay.

"Preventing a shutdown is essential for trade, security, and the economic well-being of the entire country."

About the Border Trade Alliance

Since 1986, the BTA has served as a grassroots, non-profit organization that provides a forum for discussion and advocacy on issues pertaining to border development and quality of life and trade in the Americas. A network of public and private sector representatives from the United States, Mexico and Canada, BTA's core values include a commitment to improving the quality of life of border communities through trade and commerce. The BTA is online at thebta.org and @borderalliance.