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## **Business Roundtable Statement on Potential Government Shutdown**

Washington - Business Roundtable today issued the following statement calling on policymakers to continue to fund the government.

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*“Business Roundtable urges policymakers to vote today to prevent the government from shutting down. The American economy depends on predictable and sound government actions that help create the conditions for job creation and long-term investment. The latest Business Roundtable CEO survey shows business confidence at its highest level since 2012; a government shutdown could impact that confidence and disrupt economic growth.”*


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