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WASHINGTON — U.S. Representative John Carney announced today that in the event of a government shutdown, he will be donating his pay during the shutdown period to Catholic Charities, the Delaware distributor for federal low-income energy assistance, and a national organization that works to reduce poverty across the United States.

“A government shutdown is absolutely inexcusable,” said Rep. Carney. “Last week, I sent a letter to Speaker Boehner asking him to hold a vote on a bill to ensure that Members of Congress and the President don’t receive pay during a shutdown. Because he declined my request, I’ve decided to donate any pay that I receive during a shutdown to Catholic Charities. Hundreds of thousands of federal employees across America will be hurt by a shutdown, and there should be no double standard for Members of Congress.”

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