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Kara Eastman says shutting down the government hurts Nebraskans

Kara Eastman states:

There is never an appropriate time to shut down the government. Elected officials in Washington need to do their jobs and not allow anyone in Congress to hold the budget hostage.

I have had people reach out to me asking questions about the impact of a shutdown: if their healthcare benefits will be cut, how they will support their families during their deployment, and who will be furloughed.

We need to be focusing on jobs, healthcare, education, and the environment. We absolutely need to fund the CHIP program so children have healthcare. We need to create a pathway for DACA recipients to live in the country legally.

But those should be separate issues right now. Short-term budget solutions are not enough. Working families have to balance their budget and Congress needs to do the same. We need to fund our government so federal employees can continue to work and families can continue to pay their bills.

Kara is the President and CEO of Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance and the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors of Metropolitan Community College. She is the only life-long Democrat running for Congress in Nebraska's Second District.

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