

I reside in California's 19th Congressional District.

I am *extremely* concerned with what is effectively a usurpation of our Constitution and Constitutional structure by the present executive and several unelected actors.

Soon, by March 14, less than a month from now, Congress will be asked make appropriations for the coming months and years. Else the Federal government will effectively shut down.

There are indications that the House Democrats will concede and vote for these appropriations.

My wife and I feel that voting for these appropriations is the wrong course and should not be done.

Limiting clauses in such appropriations are likely to be ignored and thus rendered useless.

Yes, a government shutdown will hurt many people. But letting the present reign of chaos to continue will hurt more people and for a much longer duration.

Common wisdom is that when a rabid, mad dog is running in the streets, biting and attacking, that the proper course is to shoot it down rather than coddling and feeding it in a vague hope that it might recover.

Our present Executive is that rabid, mad dog. He, and his chancellor Elon Musk, are destroying our system of government, destroying careers of dedicated and skilled civil servants, are damaging our administrative institutional memories, undermining the financial and medical health of individuals and our nation, and releasing our sensitive personal data into private hands for their profit and power.

We – and you – must not feed this rabid dog with appropriations.

Congress has nary any power left to reign-in this mad dog; the “power of the purse” is one of the few powers left. And even that power is likely to be ignored as the executive and chancellor make unauthorized and unlawful reallocations of any funds that are appropriated for other purposes.

Please, please, please, do not vote another penny, another dime, another dollar to the Executive Mad Dog and his unelected Chancellor Musk. It is better to stop the government rather than let it continue be used as a bludgeon on our nation and its people.