

What will drive both sides to come together to end the shutdown?



Charles Cooper, Managing Partner & Co-Founder

“ Political pressure. A government shutdown is bad policy and bad politics. The election is less than 400 days away...constituents will remember the programs, benefits, and economy that was impacted. Policymakers will want to avoid that, which will drive them to the negotiating table. ”



Madeline Wade, Partner & Co-Founder

“ As soon as constituents begin to feel the impacts of the shutdown, the noise goes up. It will be hard for both parties to hold the line as they increasingly hear from constituents to reopen the government. ”



Brett Fulcer, Vice President

“ If the administration starts implementing large-scale Reductions-in-Force, Democrats will feel intense pressure to preserve the federal workforce and likely shelve their ask on extending ACA subsidies. ”



Marc Berejka, Senior Advisor

“ For the House, the majority is fully aware how slim their majority is 13 months from the election. With all incumbents - Democrats and Republicans - risking some blame for the shutdown, Republicans in swing districts will feel stepped-up pressure. ”



Jessica Black, Marketing and Business Dev. Manager

“ With agencies recently impacted by funding reductions and reductions in force, many constituents are wary of program sustainability. The shutdown could cause enough political backlash to push Congress into coming together. ”