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Hi –

The alleged goal was to shut down Obamacare. Congratulations, you have managed to shut down hundreds of programs but *not* Obamacare. The individual mandate originated with the Heritage Foundation. It was touted by Newt Gingrich and implemented by Mitt Romney, yet now you are opposed to it. Pure hypocrisy.

- You campaigned on fiscal responsibility, yet the shutdown is wasting hundreds of millions of dollars per day. Pure waste.
- You campaigned on Christian values, yet you passed a farm bill that takes food away from poor people. What does Matthew 25 say about that?
- You campaigned on national security, yet the the shutdown is hurting the intelligence agencies.

What you are doing is feckless and reckless. It is selfish in the short run and self-destructive in the long run. It is unpatriotic and unstatesmanlike.

The Democrats have already compromised more than enough by agreeing to continuation of the ridiculous sequester.

Dennis Hastert recently deprecated the so-called Hastert rule. You should too. Get a clue. You could pass a clean CR today if you tried. If you need a pretext, say you are doing it to teach Ted Cruz a lesson, for trampling on long-established rules of conduct.

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