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**LIU: NO EXCUSE FOR SHUTDOWN  
OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

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NEW YORK, N.Y. – City Comptroller John C. Liu said the following today in response to the shutdown of the Federal government:

“It is unfortunate that a handful of Congressional ideologues have succeeded in shutting down the government of the United States and are holding this country hostage as part of their campaign to block the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. This country is a democracy and the people have made it clear through their votes that they support the President’s healthcare reform.

“Of even greater concern, Congress will have to agree to raise the national debt ceiling by Oct. 17, a little more than two weeks from now. If that does not happen, for the first time in history the United States will begin to default on its obligations. That could be catastrophic for the financial markets which in turn will have a major impact on New York City.

“We urge the holdouts in Congress to work for the good of the nation instead of their own selfish interests.”

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