

**Forum on the Impact of the Federal Shutdown and Sequestration  
on the Provision of Justice in the United States  
Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M.  
2237 Rayburn House Office Building**

Dear Colleague:

I call to your attention a particularly timely forum on the Impact of the Federal Shutdown and Sequestration on the provision of justice in the United States, which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, at 2 P.M. in 2237 Rayburn House Office Building.

It is estimated that the shutdown is costing the economy \$200 million to \$300 million per day. This forum focuses on the real world costs that disruptions in government operations and across-the-board funding cuts have on the ability of the federal courts and the Justice Department to fulfill their responsibilities. Additional information about the forum can be found [here](#).

Participants will include some of the nation's leading experts on justice-related issues, including:

- **James R. Silkenat** - President, American Bar Association
- **The Honorable W. Royal Furgeson, Jr.** - Retired Federal District Judge, Dean of UNT Dallas College of Law
- **Nan Aron** - President, Alliance for Justice
- **A. J. Kramer** - Federal Public Defender for the District of Columbia
- **Robert Kengle** - Co-Director, Voting Rights Project, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- **Don Saunders** - Vice President of Civil Legal Services, National Legal Aid & Defender Association
- **Scott Lilly** - Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress
- **Diane Moyer** – Board Member, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, and Legal Director for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape

Additional hosts include Democratic Judiciary Committee Members Jerrold Nadler, Bobby Scott, Mel Watt, Zoe Lofgren, Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Judy Chu, Ted Deutch, Luis Gutierrez, Suzan DelBene and Hakeem Jeffries.

I strongly encourage you or someone from your office to attend this informative program. If you have any questions, please contact Norberto Salinas, Counsel, Committee on the Judiciary, at x56906.

Sincerely,

John Conyers, Jr.  
Ranking Member