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WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02) today released the following statement regarding the government shutdown.

“Republicans have control of the White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. However, complete Republican control is not a license to make outrageous demands and break promises to the American people. For the last several years, Speaker Ryan and Senator Murray have had an agreement on funding parity between the Department of Defense and non-defense domestic programs. Until now, Speaker Ryan and Majority Leader McConnell have honored that agreement. With their latest spending proposal, Republicans have once again abandoned the middle class and are refusing to negotiate.

“Most Americans want a long term funding solution for the Children’s Health Insurance Program and community health centers. And most Americans want to protect the futures of 800,000 young Dreamers. These are not complicated ideas, nor are they exclusive of each other. President Trump, Majority Leader McConnell, and Speaker Ryan must offer Democrats a seat at the table and address these urgent issues. The American people will suffer under a Trump shutdown and they deserve better than the hostage-style negotiating tactics that Republicans are

undertaking.”