

The FEC is closed as of February 2, 2026 and will remain closed until it receives an appropriation to fund its operations

The FEC is unable to provide any services during the partial government shutdown. Most agency staff do not report to work, and the agency's offices remain closed to the public. While the FEC's website remains online, most of its content is not being updated. Although the interactive, web-based programs and electronic filing systems are available during the shutdown, staff are unable to provide assistance, including technical support, to the public. During the shutdown, all summary filing data, including data from newly e-filed reports, are available. Images of both previously filed and newly e-filed reports are also available. However, until staff return from furlough, detailed transactional data from newly filed reports are unavailable and reports filed on paper are not being processed or made available.

Staff are unavailable to answer phone calls, respond to email, or receive postal mail until the agency reopens. If you have pending or new business before the FEC, or are waiting for a response from FEC staff, you should not expect to hear from us until we reopen. [Enforcement complaints](#) may be submitted to the Commission, however these will not be processed or reviewed until the agency reopens. We look forward to resuming operations as soon as possible.

Reporting deadlines

The Commission cannot accept any paper reports during the shutdown. Electronic filers with reports due during the shutdown may file, but FEC staff are unavailable to resolve any technological problems that could arise and prevent timely filing. While the FEC does not have statutory authority to extend filing deadlines, it may choose not to pursue administrative fines against filers prevented from filing by reasonably unforeseen circumstances beyond their control. See 11 CFR 111.35. Due to the Commission's current [lack of quorum](#), the agency cannot make a firm commitment at this time; however, its past practice during shutdowns has been not to pursue administrative fines against filers with reports due during the shutdown who fail to file on a timely basis, so long as they file within 24 hours after the Commission fully resumes operations. The FEC will begin reopening activities on the first regular business day after its funding legislation is enacted. Please check the website for an announcement on when the FEC has fully resumed operations.

Comments on pending advisory opinion requests

The public may continue to submit comments on any pending advisory opinion requests that are open for comment during the shutdown. The Commission encourages the public to file comments electronically.

Comments on pending advisory opinion requests can be emailed during the comment period to ao@fec.gov. For information on how to submit requests for advisory opinions, please see [FEC](#)

[Legal | The advisory opinion process](#). Particularly during the shutdown, requestors are encouraged to submit their requests electronically.

If any of these systems become unavailable during the shutdown, that system will remain inaccessible until the FEC resumes operations. Staff cannot provide technical assistance to the public during the shutdown. Once normal operations resume, Commission staff will respond promptly to any messages relaying concerns related to the submission of comments or advisory opinion requests during the shutdown.

Other business

Other documents or materials due during the shutdown (for example, responses to Requests for Additional Information, responses to complaints, production in response to Commission subpoenas or interrogatories, etc.) will be considered timely if the Commission receives them within 24 hours after the agency fully resumes operations. In cases where the time for the Commission to take an action (for example, notification of a complaint, rendering an advisory opinion, responding to a request for consideration of a legal question, etc.) is triggered by the receipt of a document, and the triggering document was submitted during the shutdown, then that time period will begin to run when the document is docketed as received after we fully resume operations. If the triggering document was filed before the shutdown—such that the Commission’s time to act partially or wholly lapses during the shutdown—please contact the appropriate FEC staff after we fully resume operations to discuss whether the deadline may be extended. Again, the FEC will begin reopening activities on the first business day after its funding legislation is enacted, but please check the website for an announcement as to when the FEC has fully resumed operations.

Persons who have paper documents to file with the Commission, and who cannot wait to file those documents until after the agency reopens, are encouraged to use a means of delivery that provides the sender an online tracking ability. Such persons should be advised that while the U.S. Postal Service is holding the Commission’s mail until the agency reopens, private delivery services are likely to return items to the sender if they cannot be delivered within five days of the first attempt.

Training programs

The shutdown may affect upcoming FEC webinars for candidates, party committees and nonconnected PACs.

- If the Commission has not reopened by February 13, the February 17-18 Candidate Committee Webinar will be canceled, and registrants will receive a refund.
- If the Commission has not reopened by February 27, the March 3-4 Political Party Webinar will be canceled, and registrants will receive a refund.

- If the Commission has not reopened by March 13, the March 18 Nonconnected PAC Webinar will be canceled, and registrants will receive a refund.