Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) made the following statement as it is becoming increasingly clear that House Republicans are unable to compromise on legislation that would keep the government open:

“It is evident that this debate isn’t about numbers and budget cuts anymore – it’s about ideology. Speaker Boehner acknowledged the need for compromise when he said that they are ‘one-third of one-half of the government,’ but he is beholden to the extreme fringe of his party, for whom compromise might as well be a four-letter word.

“Democrats have met Republicans more than halfway on cuts, and yet Republicans are willing to shut down the government over a decades-old policy fight -- access to reproductive health care for women.

“And for this, Republicans are willing to delay pay to our troops and rob our economic recovery. Experts estimate that a shut down could cost our economy $8 billion a week. It’s incredulous that this comes down to access to birth control, which by the way, is supported by more than 80 percent of the public.”

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