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Flowers on Furlough: Conklyn's Florist Creates Smiles in the Shutdown

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Washington, DC Friday, October 11, 2013 – 500 free flower stems are set to appear at the Capitol South Metro Station on Friday morning, October 11, 2013 until they disappear. Conklyn's wants to create smiles in the midst of the shutdown while having a little lighthearted fun with a "stem" poll they've created themselves. Grab a white stem if you support the Republicans, and grab a red stem if you support the Democrats in relation to the shutdown.

The shutdown has put tremendous stress on federal workers, contractors, and American citizens. Conklyn's wants to lighten up the atmosphere with smiles and free fresh flowers they've put on "furlough" to give away. Not a political statement or protest of any kind, Conklyn's hopes to put some smiles up on Capitol Hill and share the love with some free flowers.

Conklyn's Florist has been a mainstay in the community for 75 years creating professional flower designs for the Washington Metropolitan area. Co-Owner David Hicks cites the significance of flowers and ribbons in history: yellow roses for the troops, red poppies in memory of those who died in World War I, and now free red and white stems in solidarity with the shutdown.

Conklyn's Florist has two retail locations: the first in Alexandria, VA at 2100 Jefferson Davis Highway, and the second is located inside the Pentagon Concourse.

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The Co-Owner of Conklyn's, David Hicks is available for comment or interview.  
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