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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Government Shutdown; Flight Cuts Begin Today at 40 Major U.S. Airports]

GAYLE KING: The government shutdown is reporting a new reality to American life, waiting in long lines. These are the images of people lined up waiting at food banks after SNAP benefits ran out. So now, this is new normal at airports too as travelers wait to rebook those flights. So, starting today the airlines have been told to fly fewer planes during the shutdown.

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: Flight cuts at 40 of the busiest U.S. airports are in effect this morning. It could affect up to 4,000 flights a day. Kris Van Cleave is at Phoenix Sky Harbor airport, one of those affected by all of this. Kris, good morning.

KRIS VAN CLEAVE: Well, good morning. They're literally sounding the alarm at Sky Harbor for something, but it's an apt metaphor for what is going on across the nation's airspace. Controllers unpaid, under pressure, stressed and fatigued, prompting the FAA to order airlines to cut flights, starting at four percent, builds to 10 percent at the nation's 40 busiest airports and it starts now. With thousands of flights set to be cancelled at airports across the country this weekend, traveler frustration over the government shutdown and its impact is mounding.

AIRPORT TRAVELER [on at Atlanta's Hartfield-Jackson International Airport]: It is probably going to increase flight times. It is going to increase flight prices.

AIRPORT TRAVELER [at Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport]: Democrats, come together find a little reason.

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VAN CLEAVE: The air traffic controllers union says the nations was thousands of controllers short before shutdown. Now many existing controllers are calling out sick, some even quitting after having gone weeks without pay and receiving a second zero-dollar pay stub Thursday.

NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION's NICK DANIELS [on CBS News 24/7's *The Takeout With Major Garrett*, 11/07/25]: They're worried about putting gas in their car. They're worried about putting food on the table. They can't even pay for child care in some instances. So, as that risk increases, you have to begin reducing the capacity of the system.