

April 17, 2013

The Honorable Raymond E. Mabus, Jr.
Secretary of the Navy
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C., 20350

Dear Secretary Mabus:

On behalf of the men and women of the Federal Managers Association (FMA) and our Navy Conference, I am writing to extend our sincere gratitude for your efforts to prevent administrative furloughs within the Department of the Navy during the sequester.

FMA represents the interests of the more than 200,000 managers, supervisors and executives within the Federal government, and we maintain a large and active membership within the Department of the Navy. The association was originally formed in 1913 as the National Association of Quartermen & Leadingmen, with charter chapters in seven naval shipyards. Since then, the association has expanded across 40 different Federal agencies.

We are honored by your demonstrated commitment to the Department of the Navy's civilian workforce and your push to pursue savings in other areas to prevent furloughs. Your outspoken support of civilian contributions to the Navy mission is heartening for our members and all of the federal employees who work every day to help accomplish that mission.

For 100 years FMA has worked to advocate excellence in public service, and that goal is exemplified by your stewardship of the Department of the Navy. The men and women of FMA will continue to stand with you to perform their jobs in the dedicated, dutiful and patriotic manner you have come to expect. We applaud your leadership and are proud to work together in defense our great nation. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,



Patricia J. Niehaus
National President

CC: Rear Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget