

February 2, 2017

The Honorable Derek Kilmer
1520 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Kilmer:

On behalf of the managers and supervisors currently serving our nation in the federal government and whose interests are represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), we extend our deepest support for your bill to prohibit any federal hiring freeze from affecting any Department of Defense position at, or in support of, a public shipyard (H.R. 742).

FMA steadfastly opposes the federal employee hiring freeze instituted by President Trump on January 23, 2017. Managers need the tools to enable them to achieve their goals of ensuring national security, public safety, and American quality of life. The hiring freeze hamstringing their ability to do so. By calling for an exemption of the hiring freeze for positions at our nation's public shipyards, you recognize the need to ensure a fully engaged federal workforce that remains dedicated to protecting the nation.

Thank you for your continued support of the hard working employees at our nation's shipyards. We strongly endorse H.R. 742 and call for its immediate passage. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Government Affairs Director Greg Stanford at gstanford@fedmanagers.org or (703) 683-8700.

Sincerely,



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National President