

February 15, 2017

The Honorable Tom Cole
2467 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Cole:

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 the legislation you introduced last week to ensure work gets done at our nation's depot maintenance and working capital fund facilities.

The association strongly endorses both H.R. 990, to prohibit any federal hiring freeze from affecting a Department of Defense civilian positions in facilities that perform depot maintenance, or are designated as a center for industrial and technical excellence, and H.R. 989, to exempt any Department of Defense civilian position paid out of a working capital fund from any furlough order issued as a result of a lapse in discretionary appropriations.

By calling for an exemption of the hiring freeze for positions at our nation's depot maintenance facilities and protections for positions paid out of a working capital fund, 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 that support our warfighters. 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