

June 27, 2017

The Honorable Gerry Connolly
2238 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Connolly:

On behalf of the managers and supervisors in the federal government whose interests are represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), we applaud and proudly endorse the Federal Employee Combat Zone Tax Parity Act (H.R. 2929), your bipartisan legislation that would provide fairness for feds serving in combat zones.

As you know, America has long allowed our brave warriors a benefit of tax forgiveness on military pay when they step into a combat zone. FMA agrees and wholeheartedly supports this small tax benefit for the men and women of our armed services, who make demanding sacrifices on behalf of the country in treacherous areas. Federal contractors also receive substantial tax breaks through the foreign earned income tax exclusion. However, federal employees are not currently guaranteed any kind of tax benefit when working in these same combat zones. Your important legislation would correct this.

FMA sincerely appreciates your effort to remove some of the financial stress and burden civilian defense employees take on when they leave their families behind to work side by side with the uniform military in combat zones. We are grateful for your leadership and steadfast support of federal employees, and strongly support H.R. 2929. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Government Affairs Director, Greg Stanford, at gstanford@fedmanagers.org or (703) 683-8700, ext. 104.

Sincerely,



Renee Johnson
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