

January 19, 2018

The Honorable Don Beyer
1119 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Beyer:

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 thanks to you for introducing legislation (H.R. 4827) that would provide back pay to federal employees furloughed during a government shutdown.

Federal employees are dedicated to supporting their fellow Americans and their communities. As you know, given the uncertainties and potential lapse in funding, many employees anticipate a furlough of an undetermined length. As a result, many employees would be unable to meet their congressionally-mandated missions, and would also struggle to meet personal financial demands. Like their private sector counterparts, federal employees face growing fiduciary demands, such as increased health care costs, and often support their entire families on a single paycheck.

FMA supports your bipartisan legislation, which would ensure these hardworking employees are provided back pay after an unnecessary shutdown, completely beyond their control. H.R. 4827 would grant much needed relief and peace of mind to all of these employees.

Thank you for your continued support of the men and women in the public sector. 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,



Renee Johnson
National President