

December 6, 2017

Dear U.S. Senators and Representatives:

On behalf of the managers and supervisors throughout the federal government whose interests are represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), I am writing to respectfully urge you to keep the federal government funded and prevent a devastating shutdown that is merely days away.

Members of the federal workforce are dedicated patriots who tirelessly serve their communities, fulfilling congressionally-mandated missions and goals and administering invaluable services to all Americans. Hundreds of thousands of federal employees – who are taxpayers like their fellow citizens – are anxiously awaiting notification if they will be forced off of their jobs later this week. This has tangible, negative effects on them, their families, and every American who relies on the services they provide. A government shutdown would also have a devastating impact on the private sector and the national economy. When the government shut down for sixteen days in October 2013, the economy lost \$24 billion and the GDP dropped, according to Standard & Poor's.

In addition, employees deemed essential will be forced to work without pay for an uncertain amount of time. For example, law enforcement officers within Immigration and Customs Enforcement will put their own lives at risk while they protect the country's borders, unsure on when – or if – they will be compensated.

A government shutdown is unnecessary and damaging to all Americans. In order to ensure the safety of the country, I call upon you to put aside partisan differences and pass a spending plan to fund the remainder of Fiscal Year 2018.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our views. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Director of Government Affairs Greg Stanford at [gstanford@fedmanagers.org](mailto:gstanford@fedmanagers.org) or (703) 683-8700.

Sincerely,



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