



Your FMA Monthly Grassroots Update
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Dear FMA Member,

Welcome to your May grassroots update! We hope you will use this tool to learn more about the issues FMA is working on, the responses of our national office team and leadership, and the many ways you can help. We are very excited about the work we are doing with the 116th Congress.

Last month we highlighted action letters aimed at protecting your pay and benefits. We encourage you to send those to your elected decision makers if you have not done so already.

FMA Legislative Priority Reintroduced!

Earlier this month, Representatives Derek Kilmer (D-WA) and Tom Cole (R-OK) introduced bipartisan legislation, the Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 2478), which would allow FERS employees to buy back temporary time, plus interest, toward their retirement. As you know, this is an FMA legislative priority, and we have been vocal about the issue for several years. We highlighted this bill in our most recent "Hear it from FMA" [column](#) on FEDManager.com.

Now it's your turn! You turned out in big numbers when legislation was introduced in the last Congress, sending more than 1,100 letters to your Representatives, leading directly to 17 cosponsors. Now you can help build support in Congress for H.R. 2478! In addition to Reps. Kilmer and Cole, H.R. 2478 recently added several new cosponsors from across the country:

- Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)
- Rep. Denny Heck (D-WA)
- Rep. Christopher Smith (R-NJ)
- Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH)

- Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Click on this link to access the action letter: <https://www.fedmanagers.org/Action-Letters>. The letter urges support for H.R. 2478. If your member of Congress is on the above list, and already a sponsor, you can use this letter to thank them for introducing (or cosponsoring) the bill.

As always, the letter is drafted and ready to send as-is, but is fully editable to allow you to personalize it and insert any anecdotal information you'd like. Please take a moment to send an action letter on this issue, and urge your fellow FMA members to send one as well!

To Do List:

- [Send an action letter](#)
- [Begin a payroll deduction contribution to FMA-PAC](#)
- Ask your chapter leaders about joining them on their next visit with senators and local representatives**
- Visit www.fedmanagers.org to catch up on the latest news affecting federal managers!**

Very truly yours,
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