



October 28, 2025

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the managers and supervisors in the federal government whose interests are represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), I am writing to urge you to restore funding for the federal government and end the devastating shutdown.

FMA members are dedicated patriots who tirelessly serve their communities, fulfilling congressionally mandated missions and goals, while administering invaluable services to all Americans. More than 1.4 million federal employees – who are taxpayers like their fellow citizens – are working without pay or not working at all. Our members are stressed and emotionally drained, and it is disheartening to see hard working federal employees in line for food banks and other critical services due to a completely avoidable and irrational emergency.

FMA members are contemplating missed mortgage payments, how to pay for childcare, and taking drastic measures to take care of their families. The shutdown is seriously harming the morale of federal workers and the delivery of services. Some are at risk of losing their security clearances at no fault of their own. Communities, and your constituents, are hurting. Federal employees are being treated like pawns in a political game of chicken by our elected decision makers, and many are facing unconscionable RIFs on top of all of this. This needs to end.

There are no winners in a government shutdown. It is a lose-lose proposition, and bad governing. Like every other shutdown, the current lapse in funding has long-term, tangible, irreparable negative effects, not just on federal managers and their families, but for every American who relies on the services they provide. We have grave concerns about weakened national security, limits on transportation, food inspection, and many other critical services for our nation as this shutdown continues.

We urge you to come together, set politics aside, negotiate in good faith, and end the shutdown immediately for the good of the country.

Thank you for your consideration of our very real concerns. Should you have any questions, please contact FMA's Director of Government Affairs, Greg Stanford, at gstanford@fedmanagers.org.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Craig Carter'.

Craig Carter
National President