

July 25, 2013

The Honorable Derek Kilmer
1429 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Kilmer:

On behalf of the over 200,000 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 your extensive work to exempt civilian defense employees who operate under a working capital fund (WCF) from furloughs.

We sincerely appreciate your efforts with helping your colleagues understand that WCFs do not utilize funds from appropriations, but instead operate on the public and private sales of goods. While the furlough of federal employees was implemented in order to reduce the deficit and reign in government spending, furloughing WCF employees does nothing to meet the financial demands of sequestration. This unnecessary leave without pay effectively undermines DOD's overseas efforts.

FMA understands it is difficult for some in Congress to support the federal workforce during this time of seemingly constant contempt for federal employees, but you have taken it upon yourself to ensure Congressional leaders understand the importance of the work we do on a daily basis for our fellow Americans, at home and abroad. FMA's members stationed in Puget Sound and Keyport are especially grateful for your tireless work on the 2014 Defense Appropriations Bill. We truly appreciate the relationship you and our members have built, and our members in Washington's Sixth District and the surrounding area look forward to continued work with you and your office.

Again, we thank you for your support of the civilian DOD employees at WCF installations. As Congress faces the difficult task of confronting sequestration, it is comforting to know someone is looking out for federal employees and our country's safety during this time. We look forward to continuing working together.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Government Affairs Representative Katie Maddocks at kmaddocks@fedmanagers.org or (703) 683-8700, ext. 101

Sincerely yours,



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