

October 26, 2016

The Honorable Kelly Ayotte  
144 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Ayotte:

On behalf of managers and supervisors serving at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) and across our nation in the federal government and whose interests are represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), I am writing to thank you for your longstanding leadership and all of your work in support of shipyard workers—especially your efforts to repeal the cuts to long-term temporary duty (TDY) per diems.

I have heard from many FMA members at PNSY that these cuts put undue financial burdens on shipyard workers who struggle to pay for expenses when they are traveling on long-term TDY. We appreciate how you have worked in a bipartisan and effective manner on the Senate Armed Services Committee to reverse the reductions to long-term TDY per diem. You have led the charge in the Senate—convening hearings, writing letters, and introducing legislation. FMA is hopeful the defense bill conferees will follow your lead.

I know that our members at PNSY are also grateful for your efforts to modernize the infrastructure at this shipyard and to ensure our nation has a large attack submarine fleet. Your efforts will help ensure that the shipyard provides vital jobs for many years to come for the dedicated civilian workforce at PNSY who help keep the United States Navy the most powerful seafaring force the world has ever known.

Again, FMA sincerely appreciates your leadership to repeal the long-term TDY reductions and ensure that shipyard workers are fully supported as they conduct vital maintenance. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely yours,



Renee M. Johnson  
National President