

December 11, 2020

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 respectfully urge you to keep the federal government funded and prevent a devastating shutdown. Shutdowns in recent years have been bad, but a shutdown amidst a global pandemic shortly before the holidays would be particularly irresponsible and callous. We appreciate the passage of a one-week extension to the continuing resolution through December 18, and urge all sides to come together to pass appropriations to fund the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021.

Our members are dedicated patriots who tirelessly serve their communities, fulfilling congressionally-mandated missions and goals, while administering invaluable services to all Americans. Hundreds of thousands of federal employees – who are taxpayers like their fellow citizens – do not know if they will be told to stay home and not get paid for the foreseeable future. This has tangible, negative effects on the employees, their families, and every American who relies on the services they provide.

Further, FMA reminds Congress that delaying appropriations and flirting with government shutdowns results in egregious costs and waste, even if a shutdown is averted. It takes significant time and resources for agencies to prepare for a potential shutdown, when they should be fulfilling agency missions.

Finally, in the event that Congress does not appropriate funds, resulting in a funding lapse, Congress must ensure that services are provided to the public, and federal employees are paid for work performed or missed due to furlough.

Thank you for your consideration of our very real concerns. 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 at 703-683-8700, ext. 104.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



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