

November 28, 2012

The Honorable James Moran 2239 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Moran:

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), I extend my deepest thanks to you for reaching out to President Barack Obama, Speaker John Boehner, and Leader Nancy Pelosi on behalf of federal employees. FMA has been vocal on the sacrifices federal employees have made due to the pay freeze and changes to benefits, and we are grateful for the support you have consistently shown.

It is hard to be a cheerleader for the federal workforce in this time of seemingly constant vitriol, but you have taken it upon yourself to ensure leaders within Congress and the Administration understand the importance of the work we federal employees do on a daily basis for our fellow Americans. The federal government's greatest assets are the men and women who devote themselves to serving the interests of the American public. While we accepted the initial pay freeze as a necessity to help right the nation's fiscal ship, federal employees should not have to disproportionately bear this burden.

Again, I thank you for your continued support of the federal workforce. Congress and the White House face the difficult task of avoiding the impending fiscal cliff, and it is comforting to know someone is looking out for federal employees during this time. We look forward to working with you on this and other issues.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Government Affairs Director Greg Stanford at <u>gstanford@fedmanagers.org</u> or (703) 683-8700.

Sincerely,

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