

September 26, 2013

Dear U.S. Senators and Representatives:

On behalf of the over 200,000 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 that is merely days away.

Our members are dedicated patriots who tirelessly serve their communities, fulfilling congressionally-mandated missions and goals and administering invaluable services to all Americans. A shutdown would compound the draconian policy of sequestration and dangerously set back the recovery of the nation's struggling economy. Hundreds of thousands of federal employees – who are taxpayers like everyone else – do not know if they will be told to stay home and not get paid starting on Tuesday. This has tangible negative effects on them, their families, and every American who relies on the services they provide.

It is time for Congress to put aside partisan differences when American citizens' livelihoods are at stake.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our views. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Director of Government Affairs, Greg Stanford, at gstanford@fedmanagers.org or at 703-683-8700, ext. 104.

Sincerely yours,



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