

March 25, 2014

The Honorable Susan Collins
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Collins,

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), especially those stationed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, we would like to congratulate you on receiving the Publius Award from the Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress. Throughout your tenure of representing the great state of Maine in the Senate, you have never hesitated to do what is best for your constituency, a task that civilian military personnel certainly appreciate during these times of fiscal restraint. Through sequestration, furloughs, and the partial government shutdown, you tirelessly worked to support the federal government and its dedicated workers.

As a consummate supporter of the federal workforce, our membership at the Shipyard is grateful to your dedication to promoting the work accomplished, as well as giving them the proper recognition for the duties performed on a daily basis to protect our military forces at home and abroad. FMA would further like to thank you for your bipartisanship, as you do not shy away from working with members across the aisle on behalf of common goals. As the country is finding itself more and more divided, you have taken it upon yourself to ensure compromises are reached in order for the federal government to remain efficient and effective. Your bipartisan leadership makes you an ideal recipient of the Publius Award.

Again, we congratulate you on your recent award and thank you for your hard work and dedication. Our members at the Shipyard have nothing but high praise for you and we always look forward to working with you and your staff. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Director of Government Affairs, Greg Stanford, at gstanford@fedmanagers.org or (703) 683-8700.

Sincerely,



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National President