

Your Monthly Grassroots Update

Dear FMA Member,

This is the second installment of our new monthly grassroots engagement letter. The goal of these letters is to inform you about the critical issues facing FMA, the responses of our national office team and leadership, and the many ways you can get involved.

Last week, the administration formally announced a pay freeze for all civilian federal employees for 2019. FMA continues to fight back, issuing a strong press release supporting the 1.9 percent pay raise for all civilian feds agreed upon in the Senate. FMA's government affairs department is working hard to prevent a pay freeze in 2019. One of the most effective tools available to us are your action letters! Please personalize and send the prepared action letter on this issue today. Click here: (<https://www.fedmanagers.org/Action-Letters>).

To be clear, your voice makes a real difference. After an outcry against the proposed pay freeze, President Trump is reportedly taking a step back to further study the issue. As we are creeping closer to the end of the fiscal year, please be on the lookout for an action letter opposing a government shutdown, to be published early next week.

Recent FMA Wins Thanks to You!

- ✓ Repeal of cuts on DOD Long-Term TDY per diems
- ✓ Extension of Disabled Veteran Leave to Title 38 Employees
- ✓ Administrative Leave Reform
- ? 1.9 Percent Pay Raise
- ? Government Funding Package

Are you passionate about these and other issues? FMA-PAC is crucial to our efforts to fight for a fair wage, protect your benefits, and improve the overall welfare of feds. If you give to PAC, we greatly appreciate your contributions – they make a major difference in our efforts, and are the only way we are legally allowed to financially support members of Congress who support a fed-friendly agenda. If you don't give to FMA-PAC, I urge you to do so. A contribution of as little as \$1 per pay period would help a lot. To give to FMA-PAC, click here:

(https://fedmanagers.formstack.com/forms/contribution_page)

And you can attend fundraisers and meet and greets with representatives and senators! FMA Chapter 6 Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Paul Hollingsworth recently attended a reception in Epping, New Hampshire, to support a candidate for Congress. This relationship building is instrumental for FMA and enhances FMA's voice locally, on behalf of the shipyard, and nationally.

If you are interested in meeting with your member of Congress, whether as an individual or a chapter, let us know – we are happy to help set it up! Email bdavis@fedmanagers.org for more information.

Thank you for all the great work you are doing on behalf of FMA – our mission would be impossible without you.

To Do List:

- [Send a prepared action letter on federal pay](#)
- [Begin payroll deduction contribution to FMA-PAC](#)
- Ask your chapter leaders about joining them on their next visit with senators and local representatives**

Sincerely yours,