

September 28, 2021

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 would be particularly difficult to swallow.

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.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. Should you have any questions, please contact FMA's Director of Government Affairs, Greg Stanford, at gstanford@fedmanagers.org.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



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