

September 14, 2022

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 urge you to vote yes on the bipartisan Preventing a Patronage System Act (H.R. 302) today.

H.R. 302 is necessary to maintain the non-political civil service. The unacceptable elimination of due process for terminating employees, as would be permissible by a return of Schedule F, would leave feds solely at the whim of politicians – intolerable under any administration, Democrat or Republican. A hallmark of America's civil service is the foundational, fundamental understanding that federal employees swear an oath to the Constitution and provide services to all Americans, regardless of political party. The federal government cannot function effectively without this nonpolitical civil service capable of preserving institutional memory and competence across administrations.

We are grateful that the House has twice previously voted for similar legislation, and we urge passage of the Preventing a Patronage System Act today. 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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