



Dear [first name of supporter],

The five-week government shutdown was a debacle from start to finish. NTEU members from across the federal government were anxious, angry and many suffered. In fact, a great many of our members were unsure what to do and how to make a difference.

You, however, turned your anxiety into action. You made your voice heard either at a rally, through a media interview or both. You did not stay silent and your words and actions made a tremendous difference and helped bring the government shutdown to an end.

I was incredibly proud of our union and how our members took to the streets, conquered the news cycle and reached out to Congress and the administration with a single message: take federal employees out of the middle of this political fight.

Now that the worst is behind us and we have had a chance to catch our breath, I wanted to offer you a sincere thank you for stepping up and shouting out. I thank you for taking action, for supporting our members and union and for your ongoing service as a federal employee. Our country needs you and the service you provide more than it may realize. The shutdown helped many Americans understand that just a little bit better.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line above the 'T'.