



January 19, 2018

Dear Senator:

As National President of the National Treasury Employees Union, representing over 150,000 federal employees in 32 different agencies, I am writing to urge Congress to act to ensure federal employees are paid on time, and on legislation to guarantee that all federal employees are paid as quickly as possible following a shutdown.

Federal employees work and live in every district and state in the country, and are proud to work for the federal government. They perform a multitude of jobs, including working as scientists, accountants, engineers, inspectors, and law enforcement. The possibility of another government shutdown is making employees and their families nervous as a shutdown would result in hundreds of thousands of Americans being furloughed or working without receiving a paycheck. These employees and their families depend on their paychecks. And it's not just federal workers who are impacted—local economies and small businesses also suffer in the event of a shutdown.

Legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate, H.R. 4827 and S. 2274, to ensure that federal employees are paid in the event of a government shutdown. I urge you to support these important bills and ensure that federal workers receive their pay.

If you have any questions about these bills or our views, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Tyree, Deputy Director of Legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony M. Reardon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "A".

Anthony M. Reardon
National President