



September 18, 2019

The Honorable Maxine Waters
Chair
Committee on Financial Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Waters:

The National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) would like to express our strong support for **HR 4328, the Protecting Innocent Consumers Affected by a Shutdown Act**, which you have introduced, along with your colleagues Representatives Meeks, Sherman, Wexton, and Garcia.

NTEU represents 150,000 federal employees in 33 federal agencies and departments. The most recent government shutdown wreaked havoc with their lives. Through no fault of their own, federal employees went without paychecks and without any certainty when they would be called back to work and receive their pay. Any situation they suffered which resulted in negative information on their credit ratings was through no fault of their own and not indicative of their intention to pay their bills on time.

Your legislation does not relieve federal employees in future shutdowns from paying their debts. It simply means that missed or late payments during the shutdown will not negatively affect their credit rating. This is a very fair response to the unfair situation our members would suffer in a shutdown.

With the uncertainty if there will be funding for all government agencies for the next fiscal year, we urge the Committee to act quickly and favorably on this important question.

If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Kurt Vorndran in our Legislation Department at 202.572.5560 or kurt.vorndran@nteu.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony M. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Anthony M. Reardon
National President