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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), which represents more than 800,000 federal and D.C. government employees, I urge you to support the Senate-passed continuing resolution and appropriations package when it comes before the House tomorrow.

Federal employees are proud to serve the American people, ensuring food and water safety, providing healthcare and benefits to veterans, protecting our national security, and supporting families in need. Yet the ongoing shutdown has forced many of them to work without pay or stay home from the jobs they love. Each day of inaction weakens vital public services and delays benefits millions of Americans rely on.

The Senate package includes full-year funding for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Agriculture and short-term funding for the rest of the government through January 30, 2026, ensuring continuity of essential services.

The bill also includes critical protections for federal workers, *which we strongly support*:

1. Guaranteed and expedited back pay for all furloughed and excepted employees, ensuring workers are paid as soon as possible after funding is restored.
2. Reversal of shutdown-related Reductions in Force (RIFs), reinstating thousands of federal employees who faced losing their jobs during the funding lapse.
3. A moratorium on RIFs during the duration of the CR, bringing much-needed stability to the civil service.

Passing this bill will reopen the government and allow federal employees to return to the work of serving the American people. It will ensure safety and security for our vital transportation systems. AFGE urges you to vote yes on the Senate-passed continuing resolution and appropriations package. It's time to end the disruption, pay federal workers, and let them get back to doing their jobs for the nation.

Sincerely,

Daniel Horowitz
Legislative Director

