

Show Federal Workers Your Support – Use hashtag #DearAFGE

The partial government shutdown has entered its third week, and more than 800,000 federal employees are either required to work without pay or locked out of work without pay. Many won't be able to feed their families, pay their mortgages and bills. Some have just started their federal jobs and will become homeless if this drags on. It's irresponsible to play politics with the livelihood of the men and women whose work is invaluable to all Americans, our health, safety, and economy.

What you can do right now on social media

Federal workers need to know that the American people support them. We need you to send your message of support to federal workers by doing the following:

- Post on social media using the hashtag **#DearAFGE** about why you stand with federal workers during this partial government shutdown. You can talk about federal workers in general or use the bullet points below to single out specific workers for support and praise. Remember to use the hashtag **#DearAFGE** in your post.
- Send your letter of support to federal workers to mystory@afge.org for possible publication on AFGE's social media and website

AFGE thanks our allies for supporting federal employees and the great work they do. If you need additional information about the shutdown, please visit www.afge.org/shutdown.

Need some help?

If you're looking to highlight some of the great service that federal workers provide to the American public, we've highlighted a few affected industries and given you some bullet points to get you started! Check them out below:

Transportation Security Administration

- TSA officers protect travelers against threats, including terrorism.
- Every day, they screen more than 2 million passengers, 1.3 million checked items, and 4.9 million carry-on items at more than 430 airports.

Environmental Protection Administration

- EPA employees save lives and protect all of us from pollution and toxins.
- They also protect the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the land we live on.

National Park Service

- NPS employees protect and maintain our national parks and monuments so they will be there for generations to come.
- They make our experience at a national park better by making sure we are safe and providing information such as camping and hiking. They also conduct search and rescue if visitors get lost or injured.

Department of Agriculture

- USDA employees run our nation's food stamp program and other nutrition programs for children, the elderly, and people with low income.
- They inspect meat and poultry to make sure our food is safe.

Social Security Administration

- SSA employees help us plan and apply for retirement benefits. They cut our retirement checks.
- They also help people with disabilities apply for their much-needed disability benefits.

Bureau of Prisons

- BOP employees protect public safety by keeping the most dangerous criminals off the streets and behind bars.
- They risk their lives every day protecting local communities outside the prison walls.

Coast Guard

- Coast Guard employees save lives and help in search and rescue operations during emergencies and natural disasters like hurricanes and floods.
- They protect our homeland by inspecting commercial vessels, investigate marine casualties, manage water ways, and respond to pollution including spills and discharges.

Housing and Urban Development

- HUD employees help lift people out of poverty by providing affordable housing and improving local communities.
- They help Americans own their own homes through mortgage insurance programs and enforce fair housing laws.

Department of Transportation

- FAA air traffic controllers help airlines get us to our destinations safely and efficiently.
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration employees save lives and prevent injuries through research and regulations.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

- NOAA employees provide daily weather forecasts and severe storm warnings. They monitor climate, conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems.
- Their work protects lives, property, businesses, and our economy.

