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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We at the New Jersey State AFL-CIO have made ending Trump's pointless government shutdown our number one priority, and we are doing everything in our power to assist the more than 5,000 federal employees in our state who are either furloughed or working without pay.

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO Executive Board met last week and unanimously agreed to assist federal workers during this difficult time with financial donations to the New Jersey State AFL-CIO Community Services Agency Fund. Following the meeting, your brothers and sisters at your local labor unions and central labor councils also enthusiastically agreed to make donations on your behalf. These generous donations were then distributed to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

This is an extremely difficult time, we understand, but we want you to know that there is help for you. The New Jersey State AFL-CIO values your service as a government worker and understands that you may be struggling right now due to no fault of your own. We are working to end this shutdown, but in the meantime, we urge you to take advantage of this resource. **This is a hand-up, not a hand-out.**

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey has resources across the state to help you and your family. If you are in need of assistance, we urge you to visit one of the FoodBank's community partners (e.g. food pantry or soup kitchen) to access food and other necessary household products. You can find your nearest resource by visiting <http://www.cfbnj.org/findfood/> and inputting your zip code under Find Food. You can also input your county and city under Browse Food Resources to see a list of organizations that distribute food locally. When you visit an agency, please bring a form of identification showing that you are a New Jersey resident, along with a government-issued pay stub or government ID.

In Solidarity,

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