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Richard Hunt  
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Dear Mr. Hunt:

As you know, approximately 800,000 federal employees will officially miss their first regularly scheduled paycheck on January 11, 2019 as result of the partial government shutdown. Through no fault of their own, these employees are already seeing an impact on their bank accounts.

Even if the shutdown were to end this week, many employees would not receive a paycheck until the end of the month, forcing thousands of Americans to make difficult choices about whether to take out loans, max out credit cards, risk not making a mortgage payment, keep food on the table – or find a new job.

Federal employees and their families need assistance. I would like to make you aware of efforts some are taking to mitigate the financial burden on customers affected by the shutdown.

Several credit unions across the country have begun offering interest-free loans to impacted federal workers. I applaud these organizations for prioritizing customer well-being, and am certain that this will be of great assistance to countless workers and families.

FHA Commissioner Brian Montgomery also recently called on lenders and mortgagees to accommodate borrowers impacted by the shutdown. As he wrote in an official letter, FHA expects mortgagees to assist borrowers by offering special forbearance plans and loss mitigation options.

There are opportunities to prevent potentially catastrophic consequences for millions of Americans through cooperation and compassion. I will continue to work in Congress to re-open the government and ensure public employees and contractors are paid, and I appreciate those companies that are stepping up to help during this difficult time.

Sincerely,



Mark DeSaulnier  
Member of Congress