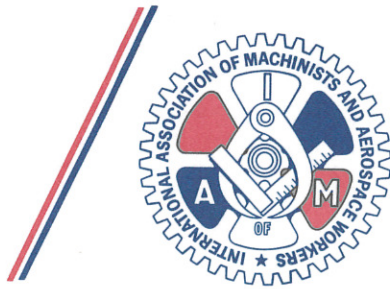


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OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Subject: Sign Discharge Petition

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the thousands of federal workers and contractors that we proudly represent, we strongly urge you to sign onto the "Discharge Petition" (H. Res. 372) introduced by Representatives Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), George Miller (D-CA) and Nita Lowey (D-NY). This petition will allow an up or down vote on a "Clean" continuing resolution ("CR") consistent with the funding levels already passed by the Senate. We believe this is the most viable solution to reopen the federal government.

At least 800,000 federal workers have been furloughed or are working without pay. Over 70 percent of our 110,000 NFFE-IAM Federal District 1 membership are currently furloughed. We also have over 10,000 Service Contract Workers out on furlough and they will not receive any retroactive pay when the government reopens. Although we do not support the existing funding levels, it is in the best interest of our membership that we support the passage of a clean budget that ends this political stalemate and puts our members back to work.

Again, we respectfully ask that you sign the Discharge Petition to force an up or down vote to reopen the federal government now.

Please contact Legislative Director Hasan Solomon at (301) 967-4575 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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