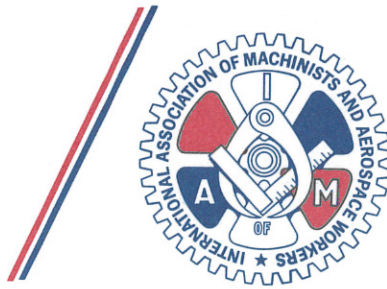


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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and the thousands of federal workers that we proudly represent, I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose the passage of Representative Paul Ryan's fiscal year 2015 (FY15) budget, H.Con.Res.96. This extremely anti-federal worker budget targets federal workers for an additional \$125 billion in cuts, most of which would come from eliminating the chance of a secure retirement for federal employees and abolishing thousands of federal sector jobs that are critical to the U.S. economy and local communities throughout the country.

Since 2010, federal workers have been forced to accept \$138 billion in cuts to their pay and pensions, a sacrifice far greater than any other group of American workers. In addition, in 2013, much of the federal workforce suffered several days of unpaid furloughs and a 16-day government shutdown. After all this sacrifice, it is insulting that the Ryan budget would call for the harshest cuts to the federal workforce yet – this budget would heap almost as many cuts as federal employees have seen the last four years combined into one budget.

The Ryan budget would take \$125 billion out of federal retirement by making federal employees contribute thousands of dollars more per year toward their pensions while receiving no added benefit for the increased contribution, ending a supplement that allows federal employees to retire after 30 years of work but before Social Security begins, and eliminating pensions for new hires into the federal workforce altogether. In addition, the Ryan budget would eliminate jobs by limiting hiring to one employee for every three that leave. The Ryan budget would also eliminate the repayment by the government of student loans for federal employees.

Federal employees have made enormous sacrifices in the last few years, but enough is enough. Federal employees cannot endure any further targeted cuts. Again, I strongly urge you to oppose the anti-federal worker Ryan FY15 budget, H.Con.Res.96.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact Legislative Director Hasan Solomon at (301) 967-4575 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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