

March 25, 2015

RE: Oppose H.Con.Res. 27

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the 110,000 federal employees we proudly represent, we urge you to oppose H.Con.Res. 27, the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget. This extreme budget would gouge hundreds of billions from dedicated civil servants and makes hard-working federal employees scapegoats for budget problems they did not create.

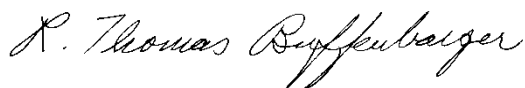
This budget calls for federal employees to "make greater contributions toward their retirement." If implemented, federal workers would be required to pay an additional six percent of salary toward retirement with no increase in benefits. This is the same as a permanent six percent pay cut, or working without pay for three weeks every year. This provision alone would cost federal employees an estimated \$127 billion and would come in the wake of recent contribution changes that have resulted in an estimated \$21 billion in costs to federal employees.

Increased pension contributions with no added benefit disguise mean-spirited pay cuts. Federal employees have endured three years of pay freezes, unpaid furloughs and intense financial instability ushered by a 2013 government shutdown. Yet despite the financial burden placed on federal employees, this budget seeks deeper cuts.

No other group of Americans has contributed towards deficit direction at the level federal employees have in recent years. Federal employees have already contributed \$159 billion toward deficit reduction since fiscal year 2011, and this latest budget would seek hundreds of billions in additional cuts balanced on the backs of federal employees.

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Sincerely,



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