

January 7, 2019

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the member companies of the Professional Services Council,¹ I write to express our grave concern about the impact of the current lapse in appropriations on the unfunded federal agencies, on the U.S. citizens who depend on their services, and on the private sector contractors and contract employees who support these agencies' missions. We respectfully request that you work with Congress to prioritize full year appropriations for the remaining federal government departments and agencies, and urge you to direct the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to ensure equal treatment for contract workers with regard to back pay.

Hundreds of thousands of employees support the government through contracts, delivering services to citizens, maintaining and modernizing information and data systems, and operating across the health, law enforcement, training, and infrastructure industries throughout America. As the shutdown drags on, more and more of these workers are losing their work and their pay.

However, unlike federal civilian employees, *no one provides these contractor employees with back pay to cover their lost work.* These contractors work side-by-side with their government counterparts, motivated by the same goals of public service and safety. They deserve to be treated the same as their federal civilian counterparts. PSC again urges you to direct OMB to issue guidance that will provide the same redress for government contractors as is provided to federal civilian employees. We will be happy to work with them on implementing guidance.

I greatly appreciate your time and attention to this issue, and PSC stands ready to assist and support you on this effort in every way.

Yours respectfully,



David J. Berteau
President & CEO

CC: Russell Vought, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget

¹ PSC is the voice of the government technology and professional services industry, representing the full range and diversity of the government services sector. Our nearly 400 member companies represent small, medium, and large businesses that provide federal agencies with services of all kinds, including information technology, engineering, logistics, facilities management, operations and maintenance, consulting, international development, scientific, social, environmental services, and more. Together, the trade association's members employ hundreds of thousands of Americans in all 50 states.