

January 4, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
U.S. Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Republican Leader

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders McConnell, Schumer, and McCarthy:

On behalf of the member companies of the Professional Services Council, I write to express our gratitude for Congress' work to secure full year appropriations for almost two-thirds of the federal government and to enact continuing resolutions for the remaining agencies for fiscal year 2019. However, we are gravely concerned about the impact of the current lapse in appropriations on the remaining agencies, on the U.S. citizens who depend on their services, and on the contract employees who support these agencies' missions.

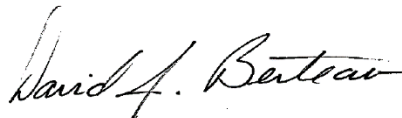
Accordingly, we respectfully request that you prioritize full year appropriations for the remaining federal government departments and agencies. We strongly support you working to end this partial government shutdown, and we urge you to ensure equal treatment for contractors in the resolving legislation.

Hundreds of thousands of workers support the government through contracts, delivering services to citizens, maintaining and modernizing thousands of 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 them with back pay to cover their lay-offs*. 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 urges Congress to provide the same redress for government contractors as it does for federal civilian employees.

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

Yours respectfully,



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