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September 28, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
House Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader Schumer, and  
Minority Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), I  
implore you to pass a continuing resolution as soon as possible to avoid a government  
shutdown.

Government shutdowns represent a failure of Congress to fulfill its most basic  
responsibility. They cause needless disruption of government operations, as hundreds of  
thousands of federal employees are prevented from serving the American people. Even  
now, as we approach the end of the fiscal year, federal agencies must waste time  
preparing for a possible shutdown to prevent a lapse in appropriations. As a result,  
Americans, as citizens and taxpayers who rely on federal services, lose.

Federal employees also face the threat of delayed pay, which may force them to pay  
interest on credit card balances or miss payments on bills, potentially incurring late fees  
and facing damaged credit. But Feds are not the only casualties in this brinkmanship. As  
we clearly saw with the last shutdown, small businesses suffer greatly during these  
events, and the impact of a shutdown now will be even greater amid the pandemic.

For these reasons, I urge you to end the current impasse and approve a continuing  
resolution to allow additional time to resolve your differences and eventually pass full-  
year appropriations bills. Thank you for your consideration of our views. If you have any  
questions or concerns, please contact NARFE Staff Vice President for Policy and  
Programs Jessica Klement at [jklement@narfe.org](mailto:jklement@narfe.org).

Sincerely,



Ken Thomas  
National President