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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

Today marks the second paycheck that government employees will miss because of the government shutdown. This includes federal law enforcement officers, many of whom are protecting the border. While these federal law enforcement officers work, bills and mortgages mount with no clear pay back date.

The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) represents almost 27,000 federal agents and officers in 65 federal agencies. All of our members are working with no pay, due to their positions being deemed essential for national security.

The situation has become so dire that a GoFundMe page has been established for federal employees, soup kitchens are advertising availability, and donations are being made around the nation to assist federal employees, including federal law enforcement officers. Mr. President, it is reprehensible that those working to protect America are being put in this perilous position.

Many of our members conduct complex investigations including tracking terrorists, identifying foreign actors, and protecting elected officials, including you and your family. As the shutdown continues they are being put in both a fiscally and personally compromising position that is antithetical to the way our nation should be treating those that protect us.

Twenty-first century law enforcement requires research, analysis and technology. These critical investigative support elements are not working during the shutdown, this compares to half of a team taking a field for a game. The targets of our investigations now have an advantage of being better informed and better resourced than our members. This is an extremely dangerous situation that threatens the lives of our members and all Americans.

Mr. President, we all agree that our nation's borders need to be secured but right now, those we've asked to do so are more focused on how to pay their bills.

Sincerely,

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