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Dear Senate and House Leaders:

On behalf of the 90,000 represented members of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), we are writing regarding Congress' work on reconciling the remaining seven Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) spending measures.

As you work to negotiate an acceptable solution prior to Friday's looming midnight deadline, IFPTE urges that whatever action is taken – whether it be a Continuing Resolution (CR) or a full FY19 Minibus that includes all or some of the seven outstanding spending measures – that it preserves the bipartisan-supported 1.9% pay raise called for in the Senate passed FY19 Financial Services appropriations bill. In particular, any CR should include an anomaly, or whatever alternate legislative vehicle necessary, that mandates that this raise be implemented effective the beginning of the 2019 pay year.

After three consecutive years of pay freezes, followed by meager across the board adjustments, federal workers have seen their incomes decrease by nearly 15% with respect to inflation over the last eight years. Therefore, IFPTE feels it is both fiscally responsible and reflective of the income sacrifice given by federal employees to, at the very least, approve the 1.9% pay increase called for by the Senate.

IFPTE does recognize the acute difficulties facing Congress in these contentious times, but we simply ask that the men and women who work hard every day in the trenches to deliver excellence for the taxpayer not be harmed by the political turmoil in Washington.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact either of us, or IFPTE legislative representative, Faraz Khan, at (202) 239-4880.

Sincerely,

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Matthew Biggs,
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