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IFPTE Responds to Shutdown-Ending Deal

WASHINGTON, DC – International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers (IFPTE) President Paul Shearon and Secretary-Treasurer/Legislative Director Matt Biggs provided the following joint statement in response to today's news that a short-term spending deal has been reached to reopen the government:

*"First and foremost, IFPTE is thankful that the 10,000+ IFPTE represented federal workers impacted by this shutdown will soon be back at work, and more importantly, will finally get paid. We both want to thank the incredible show of **SOLIDARITY** that these workers, and hundreds of thousands more, received from the IFPTE family, the Labor Movement, and workers across the nation. Our union Sisters and Brothers faced a time of need and the IFPTE family and Labor Movement stepped up in a huge way."*

"It is unfortunate that 800,000 federal employees and thousands more contract workers have been used as pawns for the President's attempt to achieve a political victory. Equally alarming is that the United States Senate Majority Leader sat idly by while hundreds of thousands of working families were made to go without. This shutdown has done lasting damage to these workers, and to those agencies that have been impacted by this madness. It will take years to recover and cost untold amounts of money. History will not look kindly on those who created and allowed the longest shutdown in the history of the government to fester like this."

"IFPTE thanks the many lawmakers who stood firm in the face of this ridiculous shutdown, particularly Senators Van Hollen, Cardin, Schumer, Kaine and Warner, and Representatives Pelosi, Hoyer, Brown, Connolly, Raskin, Holmes-Norton, Fitzpatrick and many others."

"Lastly, IFPTE is hopeful that those who caused this shutdown have learned a valuable lesson and that they will not allow this stain on our nation's history to repeat itself again."

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IFPTE is a labor union representing upwards of 90,000 workers in the United States and Canada

