



HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20224

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To Whom It May Concern:

On December 22, 2018, many federal agencies were partially shut down due to a lapse of appropriations. As a result, most employees of the Department of the Treasury are furloughed (*i.e.*, in a non-duty/non-pay status) or excepted (working in a non-pay status).

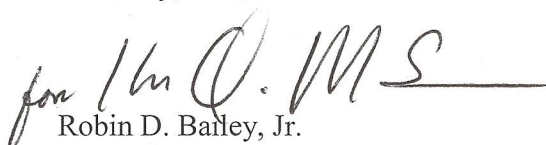
Furloughed employees received an official notice from the Department documenting their status. Excepted employees received a notification from their leadership stating they were to report for duty but would not be paid for hours worked until after enactment of an appropriation for the Department. Employees will receive pay by December 31, 2018 for work performed prior to the shutdown. At present we cannot predict when pay may resume for either furloughed or excepted employees.

Treasury employees affected by the partial government shutdown may face temporary hardship in meeting their financial obligations. Financial institutions have been encouraged to consider prudent workout arrangements that increase the potential for creditworthy borrowers to meet their obligations. It is in the long term best interests of both financial institutions and their customers to work out a set of feasible payment terms during this temporary situation, which is beyond our employees' control.

This cover letter is intended to be used in conjunction with an official furlough notification or email notification to excepted employees, as well as any other employer-related identification or proof of employment that a creditor may request from an affected employee. You may verify an individual's employment status by calling 800-367-5690 and entering their social security number and the IRS employer code, 10114. You may also verify their status online at: www.theworknumber.com.

We appreciate your patience and consideration toward our employees during this time when they may be negatively affected by the government-wide shut down.

Sincerely,


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