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To Whom It May Concern:

On December 22, 2018, the United States Coast Guard partially shut down due to a lapse in appropriations. All Coast Guard military members are required to continue to report for duty in service of our country during this partial government shut down and will do so without pay until an appropriation is made available.

Because Coast Guard members will not receive pay during the lapse in appropriations, they may have difficulty in timely meeting their financial obligations. I assure you that this lapse in appropriations is beyond our members' control and is expected to be a temporary situation.

It is important to note that the Coast Guard Leave and Earnings Statement (or, "payslip") you may be presented by the member will still reflect the amount of money they *would have received* had their pay been deposited under normal circumstances. This is an internal accounting procedure that is necessary for the Coast Guard. Please know that all Coast Guard military members continue to receive no pay until a continuing resolution or appropriation is made available to the Coast Guard.

Despite the lapse in appropriations, Coast Guard members will continue to execute their duties and ensure our homeland remains secure. I hope this letter helps explain the impact that government shut down has on Coast Guard members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew W. Sibley" followed by "RDML" in a smaller font.

Matthew W. Sibley  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Acting Assistant Commandant for Human Resources