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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. This impacts all Coast Guard members, including Retirees who receive a monthly pension. Unfortunately, Retirees will not receive pay until an appropriation is passed by Congress.

Because Coast Guard Retirees will not receive pay during the lapse in appropriations, our members may have difficulty in timely meeting their financial obligations. This lapse in appropriations is beyond the members' control and is expected to be a temporary situation. We appreciate your organization's understanding and flexibility in working with these women and men who have so honorably served our Nation, especially if they should request forbearance on their obligations until this situation is resolved.

I hope this letter helps explain the shut down process and how it has impacted the Coast Guard. I extend my personal thanks for your patience and compassion toward our members during this time when they may be negatively impacted by the lapse in appropriations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W.G. Kelly, RAADM, USCG".

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