

**Background:** The federal government has been in a partial shutdown for more than three weeks because Congress and the administration cannot reach an agreement on border protection.

The Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense have full-year appropriations and are not directly impacted by the shutdown. However, the U.S. Coast Guard and more than 150,000 veterans who are federal employees are very much impacted by the shutdown.

What the Coast Guard does daily allows the rest of us to sleep easier at night. No one should ever take that for granted.

**Take Action:** Tell Congress and the White House to pay America's Coast Guard and end this harmful shutdown.

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