THE MILITARY COALITION
PROUDLY SERVING ALL EIGHT UNIFORMED SERVICES

March 9, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leaders Thune, Jeffries, and Schumer:

On behalf of The Military Coalition, representing millions of servicemembers, veterans, and their families, we urge you to support efforts that guarantee uninterrupted pay for all members of the uniformed services of the United States during a government shutdown. As the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) enters its fourth week without funding and the partial shutdown continues, members of the United States Coast Guard and United States Public Health Service (USPHS) continue to work without pay while carrying critical missions including securing our maritime borders, conducting search and rescue missions, and advancing our nation's public health.

Your leadership during last fall's government shutdown paved the way for full Department of Defense funding. This partial shutdown demands your perseverance again. As the current DHS funding lapse presents real potential to disrupt pay for members of the Coast Guard and USPHS and to undermine morale, operational readiness, and financial stability. In this context, we renew our call for Congress to bring forward and support any measure that safeguards the pay of all uniformed personnel before they are impacted.

Service members – including those in the USPHS and the Coast Guard, including more than 300 Coast Guard members in support of Operation Epic Fury – continue to carry out critical missions both at home and abroad, while their families continue to bear the weight of these demanding responsibilities. Thank you for your continued leadership to ensure that all uniformed servicemembers have the continued support of a grateful nation.

Sincerely,

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The Military Coalition:

Air & Space Forces Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
American Veterans
Army Aviation Association of America
Association of the United States Army
Blinded Veterans Association
Blue Star Families
Chief Warrant Officer Association
Coast Guard Enlisted Association
Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Fleet Reserve Association
Gold Star Spouses of America
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
Iraq Afghanistan Veterans of America
Jewish War Veterans
Marine Corps League
Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Defense Committee
National Military Family Association
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Non Commissioned Officers Association
Reserve Organization of America
The Retired Enlisted Association
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
U. S. Army Warrant Officers Association
U. S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association
Vietnam Veterans of America
Wounded Warrior Project