

January 4th, 2019

The Honorable John Thune  
United States Senate  
511 Senate Dirksen  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Thune:

On behalf of National Military and Veterans Alliance, a non-partisan advocacy group comprised of the organizations listed below, we offer our steadfast support for S. 21: "Pay Our Coast Guard Act".

This legislation makes continuous appropriations for Coast Guard pay during a government shutdown. The impact the shutdown is having today on our Coast Guard servicemembers is unnecessary and must be rectified to eliminate the negative effect to our Coast Guard members and their families. Your bill will end these effects during the current government shutdown and prevent them in the event of future shutdowns.

Your bill will allow the Coast Guard to conduct its mission by providing for sums, as necessary, to provide pay and allowances to members of the Coast Guard, including reserve components who perform active service and inactive duty training. Your bill also calls for pay for civilian employees of the Coast Guard, and such sums as necessary to provide pay and allowances to contractors of the Coast Guard and to provide for Coast Guard retired pay.

Services under the control of the Department of Defense are being paid but we must provide a way for our oldest service, the Coast Guard, to be paid as well. Thank you for taking an active role in such an important issue to the military community by working to improve the lives and careers of those who serve our great nation.

The National Military and Veterans Alliance stands ready to assist you in getting this bill passed and we look forward to working with you now and in the future on behalf of our military, veterans, retirees, and family members.

Sincerely,



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