



GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS DON'T JUST HURT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES



**ANOTHER
TSA EMPLOYEE
FIGHTING FOR A
BETTER CONTRACT**

Who are TSA employees?

- We shop at the same stores.
- We eat at the same restaurants.
- We attend the same PTA meetings.
- We worship at the same churches, synagogues, mosques and temples.
- We are veterans and some of us are disabled.
- We are someone's spouse, parent, grandparent, child and neighbor.

Consider that 1 in 3 federal worker is a veteran of the U.S. military.

- In the case of a government shutdown, customer service-based agencies such as Veterans Benefits Administration and Social Security Administration will experience serious backlogs, delaying the distribution of important benefits to the American people.
- The perceived threat, or actual government shutdown, places unnecessary stress on the health of veterans suffering from any type of stress-related disorder.

TSA employees are deemed excepted or "essential" and must work without pay.

- If Congress fails to fund the government, TSA employees do not get paid, even though we must show up to work.
- During the last government shutdown, TSA employees went 5 weeks without a paycheck. It was difficult for workers to afford to commute to work, pay living expenses and take care of our families.

SOLUTION:

Congress should fully fund the government by passing full year appropriations for all federal government agencies for FY 2024.

Congress needs to pass the *Fund the TSA Act (H.R. 3394)*, which restores revenues from passenger security fees established following September 11, 2001, to help finance the cost of aviation security. This ensures that TSA workers get paid during a shutdown.

