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The Honorable Chuck Schumer Hart
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Dear Senator Schumer:

January 15, 2019 marked the first time in history members of the Coast Guard were not paid for their service due to a government shutdown. That is why the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) is urging you to pass the "Pay Our Coast Guard Act" (S. 21/ H.R. 350) immediately. This legislation would ensure that members of the Coast Guard are paid on time even when there is a lapse in appropriations. Members of the Coast Guard do essential work to protect the security of our nation. During the current government shutdown, they continue to safeguard our waterways, intercept attempts to smuggle drugs and other contraband and among many other vital functions - all without pay. Our Nation owes it to them to ensure they are paid on time.

The FRA represents the concerns of current and former enlisted members of the Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps and this is a high priority issue. The FRA point of contact is John Davis, Director of Legislative Programs, at the above numbers or (John@fra.org).

Sincerely,

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