



The National Air Traffic Controllers Association Supports The Shutdown Fairness Act

We are in a record long government shutdown and air traffic controllers and other aviation safety professionals NATCA represents received official notice of a second zero-dollar paycheck. It is not acceptable that they have now endured a full month without pay. This is not sustainable and must end today.

NATCA strongly supports S. 3012 – The Shutdown Fairness Act amendment in the nature of a substitute by Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.) – to ensure that working and furloughed government employees receive pay during this and future shutdowns.

For this nation's air traffic controllers, who continue working during the shutdown, missing just one full paycheck was a significant hardship as it would be for all working Americans. It is unacceptable that they have now endured a full month without pay. This is unsustainable and must end today.

Hard-working, patriotic American air traffic controllers and their families should not bear the full burden of political disagreements in Congress. That is why NATCA strongly supports The Shutdown Fairness Act as amended to ensure that working and furloughed government employees receive pay during this and future shutdowns.

NATCA's top legislative priority continues to be ending the shutdown. During the shutdown, dedicated aviation safety professionals have continued to oversee the safe and efficient movement of the nation's passengers and cargo, while many are working mandatory overtime, ten-hour days and six-day workweeks due to the ongoing staffing shortage. This situation remains untenable. It creates substantial distractions and additional stress for individuals who are already engaged in an extremely stressful profession. The financial and mental strain caused by the prolonged shutdown increases risk within the National Airspace System, making the system less safe with each passing day.

***We have consistently said that NATCA supports passing any legislation that would immediately end this shutdown and pay our members.
We urge every Senator to vote in favor of S. 3012 as amended.***

END THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN NOW

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