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Senator/Representative
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator/Representative:

The Air Force Association (AFA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization representing approximately 120,000 current and former Airmen and their families, is writing to express our support for companion bills S-724 and HR-1297. These bills will ensure our nation's military members will get paid as usual in the event of a government shut-down.

With our nation is at war, it is imperative that partisan struggles over the budget be set aside. We strongly support efforts by Congress to ensure our military service members and their families receive their full and uninterrupted pay, regardless of politics in Washington. It is possible many service members may struggle to pay their bills if there is an interruption in pay. Surely our service members in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere need not worry about if they, or their families, will be able to pay their bills. They should receive the pay and benefits promised to them.

The Ensuring Pay for Our Military Act of 2011 will make available the funds to prevent any interruption in pay for military members. Please sign onto the bill and let our service members know the country they serve supports them.

Sincerely,

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