

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 5

House resolution expressing solidarity with our federal workforce and urging Congress and the President to keep the federal government open

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington and Cina of Burlington

Whereas, our hardworking constituents elected us to the Vermont House of Representatives to advocate for their best interests in a fair and representative democracy, and

Whereas, a federal government shutdown would be in no one's interest and may cause harm to many Vermonters, and

Whereas, the policy debate over the disputed issues should happen with the government up and running, and

Whereas, the 800,000 federal employees and hundreds of thousands of federal contractors should not miss paychecks through no fault of their own, and

Whereas, no other business in the country would be permitted to operate without paying its employees, an unfair practice that should be illegal, and

Whereas, regardless of political party affiliation, we should all be able to agree that the federal workforce is vital, as it cares for the sick and elderly, helps our veterans heal and adjust to civilian life, finds cures for diseases, sends rockets into outer space, brings scientific breakthroughs to fruition, and administers loans that finance business activities, and

Whereas, put simply, there would be no America without a dedicated federal civil service and federal contractors, and

Whereas, these hardworking Americans are worried about paying for a roof over their heads, putting food on the table, and surviving, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body stands in solidarity with America's federal workforce and urges Congress to pass and the President to sign legislation to keep these individuals working for all Americans and the federal government open, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Trump and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.