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# PAY OUR TROOPS ACT

## *Background*

In the event of a government shutdown where Congress fails to pass a bill funding the Department of Defense (DoD), members of the Armed Services will not be paid. Despite this, our servicemembers will be expected to continue performing their duties unpaid, even as their bills come due. This will be disastrous for recruitment, retention, and readiness.

The men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our country should never go without a paycheck. We cannot allow our troops or our national security to become pawns in Washington's dysfunction.

## *Summary*

**This bill directs existing, unappropriated Treasury funds for FY25 for the purpose of paying:**

- Members of the US Armed Forces on both active and reserve duty, as well as the Coast Guard
- Civilian employees and DoD contractors, that are designated by the Secretary of Defense as supporting the Armed Forces

**These funds shall be available until one of the following conditions are met:**

1. A Continuing Resolution is passed that includes FY25 funding for DoD
2. An appropriations bill funding the DoD is passed
3. Until January 1, 2026

## *Endorsed By*

