



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

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Dear Colleagues,

This ongoing shutdown continues to be a very frustrating time for all of us who work for the Department of Justice and those who provide services on contract. I remain particularly concerned about the impact the shutdown continues to have on all of you and your families. Unfortunately, because we are unable to predict when it will be resolved, we are not able to allay all of your justifiable concerns.

In an effort to answer as many questions as possible, we have updated material under the "Information for Employees" section of the Department's homepage: <http://www.justice.gov>. There you will find information about pay, ethics issues, employee assistance programs, unemployment compensation, and the Department's contingency plans.

I also want to reiterate how important each and every one of you is to the Department of Justice's mission. To those of you who are excepted from furlough, thank you for continuing to work through this difficult period, even though most of you are doing so on an "IOU" basis. To those of you who are furloughed, I wish you were on the job furthering the mission of this great institution, instead of wondering when you will be able to return to work and if and when you will be paid. Please understand that I believe every Department employee, whether excepted or furloughed, is essential to ensure that justice is served on behalf of the American people.

As we await a resolution of this shutdown, we will continue to provide information to you as quickly as possible. Please continue to check the Department homepage www.justice.gov to receive the most up-to-date information for employees.

Thank you for your service to the American people. I look forward to seeing you all back on the job soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric H. Holder, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Eric H. Holder, Jr.
Attorney General