



EPA Alumni Association
"We're not done yet"

Helping Financially Stressed EPA Employees

As we know from our EPA days, some EPA employees live paycheck to paycheck. Some of them are now having trouble even putting food on the table for their families during this shutdown.

The Association has set up "Operation \$hutdown \$upport" to make it possible for you to send money to people who really need your help.

Please pledge as much as you can.

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EPA employees are prohibited from receiving more than \$20 at a time from any individual alumnus. However, if we have enough alumni donors, a recipient might receive \$20 from multiple donors up to \$100 per recipient. We have been assured that EPA employees may accept each of these

individually-sent, person-to-person gifts under the ethics rules.

Priority will be given to people in the lower GS grades if donor funds are limited. We will also include Senior Environment Employment (SEE) employees if possible.

Many of you, we are sure, will want to pledge to send \$20 gifts to 10 or even more recipients.

It's a small amount of money, but especially if the recipient receives more than one \$20 gift from different alumni, it can help get them through these tough times. It's not their fault that this has happened to them, and we are now able to lend a hand.

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For those of you interested in how our Operation \$hutdown \$upport works, here are the details:

- 1) We are collecting your pledges via one of the pledge buttons in this email.
- 2) Simultaneously we are working to find the names and addresses of needy recipients, especially those in the lower GS grades. We would welcome your help in identifying such recipients.
- 3) We will then send you the number of names and addresses as is reflected in your pledge. (if you pledge 5 gifts of \$20, we will send you 5 separate names and addresses.

4) You can then send each of these recipients \$20 in the form of cash, money order, check, gift card or maybe even Paypal or Venmo along with an (optional) encouraging note from you.

If the shutdown continues, please feel free to pledge again. Of course, when the government shutdown ends and these EPA employees receive their next paycheck, Operation \$hutdown \$upport will itself close down.

If you have any questions, please email us at EPAalumni.org.

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Note: If the pledge button doesn't work for you, please email your pledge to Pledge@EPAalumni.org