



# Member Update

## Possible Government Shutdown on Dec. 20

NATCA Family,

As we approach the final weeks of the year, there is yet another risk of a shutdown for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) due to a potential government-wide lapse in appropriations, which funds the federal government. Current appropriations are scheduled to expire at midnight on Friday, Dec. 20, and the federal government will shut down unless, prior to the deadline, lawmakers pass either a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) or appropriations legislation that will fund the government through September 2025. Congressional leaders currently appear more inclined to pass a short-term CR that would expire in March.

The NATCA team, comprised of the National Executive Board, the National Legislative Committee, and the National Office staff are all working to educate members of both the House and Senate on how a shutdown would negatively affect our members, their families, and the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System.

National Office staff are working closely with the National Legislative Committee on these efforts. We continue to express our strong support for a stopgap measure or a long-term appropriations bill to keep the government open and FAA programs running.

NATCA has also been working with FAA to identify employees who will be excepted from an emergency shutdown furlough should there be a lapse in appropriations.

NATCA has prepared answers to a number of frequently asked questions related to government shutdowns. You can find that list [here](#). [LINK TO list of Q&As on members-only side of the website.]

We will continue to urge members of Congress to put their responsibility to govern ahead of political gamesmanship and pass funding legislation before the deadline. A government-wide shutdown would be devastating for our members, the flying public, and the U.S. economy. If a shutdown occurs, please be aware that we will ask everyone in the NATCA family to participate in an all-hands effort to make our voices

heard to urge Congress to come to an immediate agreement to fund the FAA and the entire federal government.

We will keep you updated throughout the week.

In Solidarity,

NATCA National Executive Board

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