



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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**TO: ALL INSURERS AND ENTITIES LICENSED OR AUTHORIZED
TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA**

FROM: JAMES J. DONELON, COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

**RE: POLICYHOLDERS AFFECTED BY THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2019


The partial federal government shutdown began on December 22, 2018 and has continued to this date. It is the longest federal government shutdown in history, and has affected approximately 800,000 federal employees and workers under contract with the affected federal agencies. In Louisiana approximately 6,000 people work at federal agencies affected by the shutdown and of those federal employees, it has been reported that 5,858 are currently not being paid.

To assist the affected Louisiana policyholders, the Louisiana Department of Insurance strongly encourages those insurers writing commercial property, homeowners, dwelling fire, commercial and personal automobile, health and accident, and life policies to work with affected policyholders including federal employees and contractors and to exercise leniency where premium payments are late. Insurers are urged to reasonably accommodate those policyholders by providing payment plans or extensions of time for premium payments.

Impacted policyholders should contact their insurance carriers to inform them of their federal government employment status and to request arrangements for the payment of insurance premiums.

Any questions regarding this advisory letter should be directed to the LDI by electronic mail at public@ldi.la.gov.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 25th day of January, 2019.



JAMES J. DONELON
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE