## 50 WAYS GOVERNMENT WORKS FOR US

1. Social Security payments help 51 million Americans.
2. College loan programs help millions who might otherwise not be able to afford higher education.
3. U.S. Postal Service inspection programs help prevent mail fraud.
4. Social Security disability provides benefits if you become too disabled to work.
5. Medicare provides government health care for seniors.
6. Food stamps protect families facing hardship by helping them buy the food they need for good health.
7. Organic foods are certified by U.S. Department of Agriculture standards.
8. OSHA regulations and inspections protect America's workforce by limiting exposure to toxic chemicals.
9. The federal minimum wage law makes sure every covered worker gets paid a basic wage.
10. The Family and Medical Leave Act provides the right to take time off from work to care for a sick child or parent without losing your job.
11. The National Archives is the nation's record keeper, overseeing the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights.
12. The Department of the Interior protects our national parks for the enjoyment of all Americans.
13. Bank regulations limit your loss to $50 if someone steals money from your account with your ATM card.
14. Copyright and patent laws protect an invention or creative work from being stolen.
15. Child-resistant packaging rules reduce poisonings from medicine and household cleaners.
16. Public education is available to every child.
17. The United States Mint manufactures coins and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing produces paper currency for our country's respected and trusted monetary system.
18. Inspection of meat, dairy and food protects against contamination and disease.
19. Truth in Lending laws discourage rip-offs by credit card companies.
20. School lunch regulations mandate nutritious meals.
21. Enforcement of the federal Clean Air Act guarantees commitment toward providing safer air to breathe.
22. Federal dams provide electrical power, flood control and irrigation.
23. Federal deposit insurance protects bank accounts.

24. Construction and maintenance of interstate highways link the country.
25. The government provides assistance to artists and musicians to help develop and preserve American culture.
26. Military doctors eliminated disease like typhoid and yellow fever.
27. Regulations prevent the sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors.
28. The U.S. Weather Service provides storm and hurricane warnings.
29. Federal law prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of age, race, gender, color, national origin, religion, childbirth or disability.
30. The Federal Housing Authority helps Americans become homeowners.
31. Consulates and embassies help U.S. citizens traveling abroad.
32. FEMA provides support for victims of hurricanes, floods or other disasters.
33. The National Park Service maintains several thousand miles of trail for park visitors.
34. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers helps maintain the nation's ports, harbors and navigation channels.
35. Veterans receive education assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' GI Bill.
36. Each year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves new medicines.
37. The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections, which are made available to the public.
38. Public water systems provide safe drinking water based on standards set by the EPA.
39. The Transportation Security Administration monitors the 39 billion tons of cargo that are transported annually by passenger and freight carriers.
40. Thanks to the Federal Aviation Administration the United States' air traffic control system is the safest in the world.
41. Universities receive 60 percent of all research funding from federal agencies.
42. The Small Business Administration helps Americans start, grow and build businesses.
43. The Americans with Disabilities Act guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.
44. Veterans Affairs' facilities treat millions of Americans each year.
45. Customs and Border Patrol agents protect our borders every day.
46. Scientists at the National Institutes of Health sequenced the human genome, which set a new course for developing ways to diagnose and treat diseases like cancer, Parkinson's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease.
47. Labor laws guarantee you cannot be prematurely replaced if you strike over unfair labor practices.
48. The National Cancer Institute has made many discoveries in the treatment of the disease.
49. Economic statistics-keeping helps track inflation.
50. The "Do Not Call" Registry makes it easier for consumers to stop getting telemarketing calls that they don't want.