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Washington, DC 20415

The Director

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Dear Local Federal Coordinating Committees and
Principal Combined Fund Organizations Representatives:

For more than 50 years, Federal, Postal, and military personnel have supported their favorite causes through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Each year the CFC provides us with an opportunity to join together and help those in need, and to bring about dramatic change in the communities that need it most.

As the nation's political leaders worked to resolve the budget crisis, many CFC events were put on hold or cancelled because of the government shutdown. During this time, many Federal employees faced financial uncertainty or hardship since hundreds of thousands of employees were not allowed to work, or reported to duty without knowledge of when or if they would receive pay.

Many charities stepped up in this time of need. In the true spirit of giving, some Federal employees took time out to volunteer at local charities and shelters. As Federal employees get back to work and fulfill the missions of their respective agencies and serving the American public, **I have decided to extend the solicitation period for the Combined Federal Campaign from December 15, 2013, until January 15, 2014.**

In these trying times, it is often our commitment to community and public service that sets us apart as public servants. As CFC campaigns fully resume, I encourage all Federal employees to attend campaign events, learn more about specific charities within the CFC, and give to the causes they support most passionately. And remember, all gifts—large and small—are important and make a difference.

Giving to the CFC shows the compassionate values of Federal employees, the American people, and our great country.

Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion.

Sincerely,

Elaine Kaplan
Acting Director