

Dear Senator,

Every day, federal workers all over Oklahoma go to work on behalf of America. We save lives at VA hospitals, we keep the skies over Oklahoma safe for travelers and we make certain that our seniors receive the Social Security benefits that they have worked and saved for most of their lives.

In short, we keep America's heart beating.

Now, I urge you to protect America's heartbeat by ensuring that federal workers, retirees and survivors who devoted their careers in service to this nation, are not unfairly singled out as efforts to cut the federal budget continue.

As a retired [profession] I know firsthand the important role that federal workers play in our country. [Share brief personal story].

Federal workers, retirees and their families, like so many other Americans, have made sacrifices in this down economy. The Administration has already frozen public salaries for at least the next two years. Yet there are calls among members of the new Congress to further penalize federal workers by reducing their health benefits and retirement annuities.

There are currently 39,463 current and 48,346 retired federal workers in Oklahoma. The effects of additional cuts to current and retired federal workers would constitute a significant blow to our state, our local economies and to families like mine.

The need to fix the looming U.S. deficit is serious. But in these tough economic times, the last thing we need are more job losses, broken promises to retired seniors and less money flowing into our state and local economies.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter on this issue of critical importance to our nation.

Sincerely,

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