



OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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To: All property & casualty insurance companies doing business in Washington State.

RE: Federal Government Shutdown – Premium Payment Grace Period for Federal Employees for Auto, Renters, and Homeowners Insurance

The ongoing federal government shutdown has resulted in almost 80,000 federal employees and their families in Washington being threatened with furloughs or being forced to work without pay. Many of these individuals are your policyholders who now face financial hardship through no fault of their own.

In light of this situation, I urge all insurers to provide a **minimum 30-day grace period** for federal employees who are unable to make timely premium payments because of the shutdown. Consumers should not lose their coverage or face penalties solely because of a temporary interruption in federal pay. This request applies specifically to auto, renters, and homeowners' insurance policies, which provide essential protection for Washington families.

I ask that you take proactive measures to:

- Allow affected policyholders additional time to make payments without lapse in coverage.
- Refrain from assessing late fees, penalties, or cancellations related to delayed payments during this period.
- Communicate clearly with affected policyholders about available options and accommodations.

I applaud those companies that are already taking proactive steps to provide flexibility to their policyholders. Thank you for your cooperation and for your commitment to supporting Washingtonians during this federal shutdown.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patty Kuderer".

Patty Kuderer
Insurance Commissioner