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General Gordon R. Sullivan
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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

On behalf of the members of the Association of the United States Army, I write to urge you to bring Rep. Barber's amendment to the Pay Our Military Act, titled the Fallen Heroes and Families Assistance Act, to the floor for a vote. This amendment would make appropriations available to continue the payment of a death gratuity and particular death-related compensation in the event of the death of members of the Armed Forces and certain other persons who pass away during a government shutdown.

It is unconscionable that family members who have lost a loved one in service to the nation should be faced with the loss of compensation for transportation to Dover AFB, the loss of a dignified transfer of remains, and the loss of access to death gratuity funds.

I urge you to bring this amendment to the floor of the House immediately for a vote. It is the least we can do for the families of our fallen heroes.

Sincerely,



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CC: Rep. Pelosi