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May 13, 2013

Mr. Gregory J. Junemann  
President  
International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers,  
AFL-CIO & CLC  
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Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Junemann:

The Merit Systems Protection Board (Board) received your letter dated May 1, 2013, in which the International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers requests a "pre-emptive statement of opinion" from the Board regarding possible furloughs for Department of Defense employees. Under Federal law, the Board is prohibited from issuing advisory opinions. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 1204(h). Accordingly, we are unable to provide the requested advisory opinion. Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William D. Spencer", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

William D. Spencer  
Clerk of the Board