

U.S. Rep. Steil: Cosponsors bill to pay members of the Coast Guard during shutdown

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Bryan Steil cosponsored the *Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2019*. This legislation ensures active duty and reserve members of the Coast Guard receive pay on time and in full during the government shutdown.

“The shutdown must end, but while we are in this mess, we must pay our service members. I have the upmost respect and appreciation for members of our Armed Forces and their families. The fact that thousands in the Coast Guard are not receiving pay because of political fighting and inaction is unacceptable. There are more than 41,000 active duty Coast Guard members, 6,200 reservists, and 8,500 civilian personnel who are being impacted from this shutdown, including many in Wisconsin. The Coast Guard’s commitment to serving our country is admirable as many continue to report to duty, without pay, sacrificing their lives for the sake of our nation. This shutdown should have ended 34 days ago, but if it continues a day longer, we must pass this bill today so members of our United States Coast Guard can receive their paychecks.”