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Mr. Richard Howell, Executive Director
Federal Executive Board
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Dear Mr. Howell & Friends:

It is an honor and certainly a pleasure to be offered the opportunity to join the chorus on the occasion of your celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Federal Executive Boards. Established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 to strengthen the coordination of management activities outside of the Nation's Capital, the FEBs are where the buck stops for the day-to-day needs of federal agencies and during national emergencies.

I have always been proud of the Baltimore Federal Executive Board. You faithfully execute your responsibility to the over 90,000 federal employees including civilians, military and Postal Service under your jurisdiction. With almost 150 agencies in your portfolio, the Board has worked hard to successfully execute your mission of emergency preparedness, security and employee safety; human capital readiness; and intergovernmental and community outreach. I applaud your creation and maintenance of cutting-edge initiatives over the past fifty years.

Friends, you know that I am on your side. I believe in the civil service. You cannot have a great democracy without a competent and dedicated civil service. You are on the front lines working hard every day. I believe in you and I'm here to tell you how proud I am of you. You meet the mission of your jobs. You've devoted your careers and lives to public service. So I will always fight for the fair pay you deserve, the health benefits you've earned, the pensions you were promised and the respect that you're due. And I will always fight for the integrity of civil service.

Well done. A grateful nation thanks you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara A. Mikulski".

Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator