US workers feel the pain as partial govt shutdown continues

US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agents continuing their work at Chicago's Midway International Airport on Dec 22, despite the partial government shutdown, which has affected an array of American federal institutions and services.PHOTO: NYTIMES

From hotel and transport operators in Yellowstone National Park, to farmers in North Carolina waiting for market information and hurricane relief cheques, to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employee in Washington who makes only US$40,000 (S$54,400) a year and is now working without pay, the United States [federal government's partial shutdown](https://www.straitstimes.com/world/united-states/mike-pence-meets-with-democratic-aides-to-discuss-shutdown-impasse)is beginning to pinch.

One contractual government worker, Ms Julie Burr, has started a GoFundMe page, saying: "I'm losing pay every day that this government shutdown continues. I've taken on extra shifts at my second job but it isn't going to pay rent and all my bills.

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