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### **FEW Switches Gears on Weekly Sequestration Scenario Series; Will Report Actual Impacts**

(Washington, D.C.) – Since September 2012, Federally Employed Women (FEW) has been publishing a weekly “Sequestration Scenario” series of the critical services that will be denied Americans of all ages nationwide if Congress and the Administration could not agree on a better solution to 8% across-the-board sequestration cuts. Every week, FEW released another one-page scenario on how nonsensical across-the-board cuts will prove to be disruptive, detrimental and extremely harmful to our children, elderly, travelers, workers and all Americans in all areas of our society. From food safety to healthy children to research to safe skies to our economy as a whole, to name just a few, sequestration cuts will have a devastating impact on our nation.

FEW is now switching gears and will focus on actual impacts of the cuts on the American public as they occur. “Now that sequestration has hit, many are asserting that since nothing major happened on March 1, 2013, then there will be no adverse ramifications from these cuts. This is not true,” stated Janet Kopenhaver, FEW’s Washington Representative. “However, the full devastation of the cuts will be like a slow-moving train wreck, with the major impacts probably beginning around mid-May,” Kopenhaver estimated.

But FEW is not waiting until mid-May because there are already some critical adverse actions and impacts being reported less than two weeks after the cuts went into effect. This list will grow each week and FEW will continue to issue its weekly series detailing these implemented actions and resulting impact on the American people.

These one page scenarios are being sent to media outlets as well as every legislator’s office on Capitol Hill. For more information about this initiative, contact FEW’s Washington Representative Janet Kopenhaver at [janetk@few.org](mailto:janetk@few.org). Also if you are interested in the series so far, visit this link to view all the one pagers issued to date:

<http://www.eyeonwashington.com/the-impact-of-sequestration.php>.

“Our main point is that nonsensical across-the-board cuts are not the answer and will lead to more harm than good,” asserted Kopenhaver. “While my members certainly are concerned about the 20% pay cut due to furloughs that they might have to swallow, they are much more concerned about the services that will not be provided to those Americans who most need them, like the elderly, Veterans, low-income children, and the list goes on and on,” she concluded.

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