Furloughed? Here's an idea.

Here are two suggestions for "out of office" messages that furloughed federal employees can use in their e-mails or on voice mails:

- 1 "I am currently out of the office on unpaid temporary leave. Please contact Congress for assistance. They are also not working but still getting paid for it."
- 2 "I'm currently out of the office on furlough as required by Congress. If you don't understand what this means, please go to your bank, take out 20 percent of your last paycheck and burn it."

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