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TO: Texas A&M AgriLife On & Off Campus Unit Contacts

SUBJECT: Executive Order on Payroll Tax Deferral

On August 8, 2020, President Trump issued an Executive Order for the withholding, deposit, and payment of the employee portion of Social Security tax to be deferred from September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The tax deferral pertains to the employee portion of Social Security tax for employees whose biweekly pretax compensation is “generally” less than \$4,000 (less than \$104,000 annually).

Based on the lack of details and guidelines, the Texas A&M University System will not be participating in the deferral. The System and its Members will continue to monitor the situation and be ready to implement if, and when additional guidance is provided.

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