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Stand United and Protect Your Rights!

Dear AFGE National Council 222 Members,

Subject: URGENT: Stand United-Protect Your Rights, Defend Our Union

Dear Council 222 Members,

I am writing to you at a pivotal moment for our union, our rights, and the future of federal service. As your National Council 222 President, I want every one of our 5,300 bargaining unit employees to hear directly from me about the unprecedented challenges we face-and the unwavering fight we are waging on your behalf.

Attacks on Our Rights: DRP1 & DRP2

Nearly 2300 of our fellow peers and friends, when confronted with the ongoing efforts by this administration, have chosen the Deferred Resignation Programs (DRP1 and DRP2), which challenges ongoing support of critical programs. Recent mass firings, many of which have now been exposed as unjust and unlawful, have shaken our workforce. Federal judges have ruled that these terminations-carried out under the false pretense of poor performance-were a "total sham," injuring the reputations and careers of countless high-performing employees.

Legal Battles: Trump Administration Lawsuit

On top of these attacks, the Trump administration has filed a lawsuit in Texas to enforce anti-labor executive orders that would strip two-thirds of the federal workforce of their collective bargaining rights. Let me be clear: AFGE is fighting back in court, arguing that the administration lacks standing and that these executive orders are an unlawful assault on our rights. We are demanding the court dismiss this baseless case and are prepared to take this fight as far as necessary to protect your rights and our contracts.

Congressional Advocacy

I am actively engaging with members of Congress and Senate to ensure they understand the real-world impact of these actions on federal employees and the vital services we provide.

We are urging lawmakers to stand up for federal workers and to hold the administration accountable for its unlawful and retaliatory actions.

Legal Support and Resources

AFGE is coordinating with leading law firms and pursuing all available legal avenues. We are supporting class appeals before the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) and working to ensure every affected employee knows their rights and options. While the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) has been compromised by the removal of its director, we remain vigilant and will continue to seek every possible remedy for those wrongfully terminated.

HUD Council 222 continues to fight on behalf of our valued Federal Employees.

If you have specific questions concerning this EAlert, contact your Local President.

Stay strong. Stay united. Justice will prevail.

In solidarity,

Antonio F. Gaines

President

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