Dear Representative/Senator –

My name is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and **I am your constituent** living in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** I am a dedicated federal government employee of the Social security Administration and a member of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE).

 I am writing to urge you to **write Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Nita Lowery**, **urging them** to use whatever means necessary (hearings, reducing SSA’s budget, etc.), **to force Social Security back to the bargaining table** **with respect to our collective bargaining agreemen**t that is currently before the Federal Services Impasse Panel.

**Social Security management**, at the urging of the Trump transition team still in place at SSA, **are forcing AFGE to accept a series of contract proposals that will effectively kill the Union.** These proposals, which mirror the Trump Administrations Executive orders determined to be illegal by Federal District Court Judge Ketanji Brown will end the Union’s ability to represent employees in most grievance disputes including cases of sexual harassment, employment discrimination and performance ratings.

On March 27, 2018, the Federal Services Impasse Panel(FSIP), at SSA’s request, took jurisdiction over the fate of our contract. **The FSIP is an entirely Trump appointed agency**, and **we fully expect that the FSIP will agree completely with what SSA management wants.** The FSIP ruling is expected in June of 2019.

**Congress must step in immediately and force the Agency to retract its outrageous contract proposals and return to the bargaining table.**

**YOU are our last hope. Please help us!**

Best Regards,

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