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On Friday, March 27, AFGE filed a lawsuit against the federal government on behalf of AFGE members and federal employees who were exposed to the coronavirus while performing their official duties.

The lawsuit says federal employees who are being exposed to the coronavirus while at work are entitled to 25% hazardous duty pay, or a 4-8% environmental pay increase, depending on their classification.

Each day front-line federal employees willingly risk their health and their families' health to provide critical services to the American people. It is our hope that the government does right by these employees and pays them the hazardous duty pay they've earned.

There are five plaintiffs named in the lawsuit: three from the Bureau of Prisons, one from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and another from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

These five plaintiffs represent the tens of thousands of federal employees who could be exposing themselves to the coronavirus every day without the proper safeguards.

AFGE filed the lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims along with the law firm Kalijarvi, Chuzi, Newman & Fitch.

