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...it was more than apparent that the Agency had no intention to negotiate with the Union in good faith.

Angela Digeronimo

On September 23, 2019 employees at the Jersey City Field Office wore shorts to work in order to raise awareness of SSA being short-staffed.

You can't say we didn't warn you!

Now that Commissioner Saul has announced his ill-informed and short-sighted decisions to eliminate "adjudication time" on Wednesdays, together with his edict to eliminate tele-work, SSA employees are finally up in arms. Well, it's about time. In the past, whenever the union has sounded the alarm that working conditions were going to get worse, our bargaining unit members always thought we were just crying wolf, even accusing us of spreading "***Doom and Gloom***".

On it's website, www.afge.org, AFGE has posted a 5 part series about the Trump administration's secret plan to destroy the unions; end collective bargaining; cut salaries, retirement benefits and healthcare; purge Federal workers; and bust all unions (not just government employee unions but all labor unions). This is an important read for **everyone**. For anyone paying attention to the news, this should come as no surprise.

There is also a report on how the administration plans to prevent employees from fighting workplace discrimination, that is by denying them and their representatives the time to file discrimination complaints through the EEO.

In other news, AFGE is urging Congress to adopt language included in the House-passed Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill (HR 3351) in the final FY 2020 funding measure. The language would prevent federal agencies from unilaterally imposing anti-worker management edicts in the place of negotiated collective bargaining agreements. The language would also require agencies to abide by

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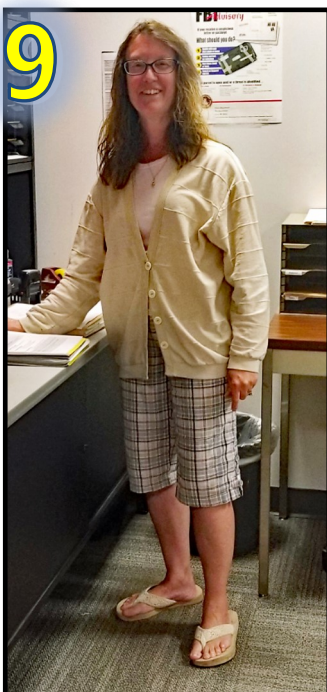


Shortstaffing Awareness Day

On September 23, 2019 SSA employees nationwide wore shorts to work in order to promote awareness that SSA is severely short-staffed*. Here are some photos from around New Jersey and some other regions.

- 1) An employee in the Dallas Region
- 2) Woodbridge, NJ
- 3) Trenton, NJ
- 4) Atlanta Region employees (on the left is former Trenton NJ on-site rep, Laura Barfield)
- 5) Local 2369 President Angela Digeronimo and Council 220 1st Vice President Bill Price at contract negotiations in Baltimore.
- 6) Cherry Hill, NJ
- 7) Trenton, NJ
- 8) Bridgeton, NJ
- 9) Hackensack, NJ
- 10) Parsippany, NJ

***Commissioner Saul's response to this is to hire 1100 new employees. 1000 allocated to the TSCs (we do not anticipate any to be allocated to the Hackensack, NJ TSC), and 100 to the PSCs. None are allocated to the field offices.**



Grab your cameras or cell phones and take pictures of happenings in your office. Send them to us with a brief description of what the photo is about, along with the photographer's name. Our email address is at the bottom of page 5.

