

United DoD Workers Coalition

Nat'l Assn. of Aeronautical
Examiners

Nat'l Air Traffic Controllers Assn.

Professional Airways Systems
Specialists

Antilles Consolidated Education
Assn.

Int'l Brotherhood of Boilermakers

Assn. of Civilian Technicians

Communications Workers of
America

Federal Education Assn./NEA

Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers

Nat'l Federation of Federal
Employees

Fairchild Federal Employees Union

American Federation of Gov.
Employees

Nat'l Assn. of Gov. Employees

Int'l Guard Union of America

Int'l Assn. of Fire Fighters

Hawaii Council of Commissary
Dept. of Defense Unions

Laborers' Int'l Union of
North America

Int'l Assn. of Machinists and
Aerospace Workers

Nat'l Marine Engineers Beneficial
Assn.

Int'l Organization of Masters,
Mates & Pilots

Metal Trades Dept., AFL-CIO

American Nurses Assn.

Int'l Union of Operating Engineers

Int'l Union of Painters and Allied
Trades

United Assn. of Journeymen and
Apprentices of the Plumbing &
Pipe Fitting Industry of the U.S.
and Canada

United Power Trades Org.

Int'l Federation of Professional and
Technical Engineers

Retail, Wholesale, and
Department Store Union

Seafarers Int'l Union

Service Employees Int'l Union

Sport Air Traffic Controllers

American Federation of State,
County and Municipal Employees

American Federation of Teachers

Int'l Assn. of Tool Craftsmen

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Dear Mr. Abel,

We are writing on behalf of the United DoD Workers Coalition (UDWC), to express our concern with the series of meetings the Department of Defense (DoD) convened to discuss the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) initiative. It appears DoD is orchestrating a political charade designed to create the appearance to Congress that DoD/NSPS is engaging the unions in substantive discussion when in fact, the Department has to date spurned our every attempt to engage in serious dialogue.

As we stated continually during the meetings on August 25 and 26, virtually every union (which collectively represent 700,000 plus DoD workers) is angry over the lack of serious response from your side. Thus far, DoD has failed to provide answers to substantive questions submitted by the Coalition.

We are prepared to meet again as often as would be beneficial and believe it is in the nation's best interest for us to do so. We request an advanced agenda for any such meeting with the specific issues you plan to address. And, we expect a reply to our previous information request, as you promised on August 25.

Finally, as previously discussed, September 10 is an extremely poor date to meet. It is, as you know, the day before September 11 when many of our members are participating in memorial or related services for the victims of the vicious attacks on our nation. In addition, flights in and out of Washington, D.C., that weekend are problematic. We respectfully renew our request that the September 10 meeting be moved to the week thereafter or beyond.

On behalf of the DoD Workers coalition,

Byron Charlton

Ken Grossinger

