

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 Defense
Commissary 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.

United American Nurses

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 Brotherhood of Teamsters

Int'l Assn. of Tool Craftsman

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January 9, 2008

Hon. Ike Skelton, Chair
House Armed Services Committee
2120 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Carl Levin, Chair
Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Skelton and Levin,

The undersigned Unions of the United DoD Workers Coalition (UDWC), which represent hundreds of thousands of Department of Defense (DoD) Civilian workers, would like to express our gratitude to you both for the inclusion of language in the FY08 Defense Authorization bill (H.R. 1585) amending the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) to reflect Congress' original intent. You each are to be commended for your leadership on behalf of the DoD civilian workforce.

Unfortunately President Bush elected to veto this critically important bill over a single issue and without so much as a warning to your Committees. The veto, as you both are well aware, has left many other important issues unresolved. In addition to NSPS the UDWC is concerned that provisions related to A-76 and the all important 3.5% pay increase for our nation's fighting men and women are still in limbo.

In this regard, the unions of the UDWC ask that as your two Committees, respectively, aim to rectify the lone issue of Section 1083 with the White House, you guard against any effort from the Bush Administration to water down or otherwise 'tweak' the NSPS provisions, the contracting provisions, and the much deserved 3.5% military pay raise. We further ask that the pay raise for the military be retroactively applied so that all military personnel will receive the full benefit of the pay increase.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact UDWC Chairman, and AFL-CIO Legislative Representative, Byron Charlton at (202) 637-5290.

Sincerely,

AFL-CIO

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)

Association of Civilian Technicians (ACT)

Department for Professional Employees (DPE, AFL-CIO)

Federal Education Association (FEA, NEA)

International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW)

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT)

International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers (IFPTE)

Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA)

Metal Trades Department (MTD, AFL-CIO)

National Association of Government Employees (NAGE, SEIU)

National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE)

United Power Trades Organization (UPTO)