



June 28, 2006

**SUPPORT THE
ANDREWS-JONES AMENDMENT
TO THE SCIENCE, STATE, COMMERCE AND JUSTICE
APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

Dear Representative:

The National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) urges you to vote FOR the Andrews-Jones amendment to the Science, State, Justice and Commerce Appropriations bill. Our union represents many of the employees of agencies funded by this bill, including the Patent and Trademark Office, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Communication Commission, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The Andrew-Jones amendment seeks to ensure that a fair public-private competition process is used before federal jobs are privatized at agencies funded by the Science, State, Justice and Commerce Appropriations bill. The amendment would prohibit agencies from using funds for the revised A-76 contracting procedures. The 2003 revision of the OMB A-76 Circular will move more federal employee jobs to the private sector with less accountability from contractors. OMB's A-76 revisions strongly favor contractors over federal employees in competitions and will result in more government activities being privatized at a higher cost to taxpayers. In addition, OMB's A-76 rewrite trumped Congress on the sensitive issue of determining whether a function is inherently governmental and therefore not subject to privatization. The Andrews-Jones amendment would force OMB to go back to the drawing board and develop an A-76 process for agencies funded in this bill that is fair to federal employees and a better deal for taxpayers.

NTEU urges you to support the common sense Andrews-Jones amendment. If you need any further information, please contact the NTEU Legislation Department at 202.572.5500.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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