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The National Treasury Employees Union

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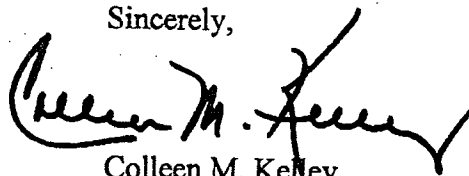
Dear Director Bomar:

This letter seeks your assistance in ending a long-standing irritant in the relationship between the National Park Service (NPS) and the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) that pre-dates your appointment as Director. As you might be aware, NTEU represents the employees in the WASO Headquarters for NPS. In June of 2005, the NPS and NTEU completed bargaining a term labor agreement covering these employees. The new agreement updated a prior agreement that was negotiated in the 1980s by our processor labor organization. However, NPS refused to sign the agreement, claiming that it wanted more changes and concessions than the parties had already agreed upon. When accommodations could not be reached, a protracted and continuing legal battle ensued over this issue.

The employees of the NPS represented by NTEU are eager to start working under the new collective bargaining agreement. They are all aware that NTEU bargained the agreement on their behalf in good faith. In good faith, they ratified the agreement. The attached petitions from hundreds of individuals indicate that they all simply want the NPS to keep its word and honor the negotiated and ratified agreement by signing it and forwarding it to the Department of Interior for statutory Agency Head review. The Department would have 30 days in which to reject any provision that was not in compliance with law, and the parties would be required to bargain over all such disapproved provisions. I assure you that we would certainly be willing to discharge our legal obligation to bargain all legally disapproved provisions.

I strongly urge you to end this dispute that insults the good faith efforts of our bargaining unit employees, impedes the development of good labor-management relations, and squanders the resources of both our organizations. I would be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



Colleen M. Kelley
National President

Enclosure

cc: Timothy McKeown, President, NTEU Chapter 290