

HHS UPDATE

NTEU National Treasury Employees Union

The Bargaining Table and Beyond NTEU Fights for Agency Funding, Pay Raise on Capitol Hill

As NTEU continues fighting to restore your workplace rights, the union is also actively working on Capitol Hill to secure a pay raise next year and adequate agency funding. Here is an update on our efforts and what's next for the fall.

Before leaving for the August recess, Congress approved and the president signed a two-year budget deal that avoids drastic, across-the-board funding cuts that were set to take effect next year. It also suspends the debt ceiling for two years, averting the threat of a default this fall. This is good news for federal employees. In addition to preventing deep cuts in agency funding, the deal should help avoid cuts to federal retirement programs and changes to retiree cost-of-living adjustments, both of which the administration proposed and NTEU strongly opposed.

Next up for lawmakers when they return on Sept. 9 is to fund agencies in fiscal year 2020 through separate appropriations bills or groups of bills. Should Congress not complete that work, NTEU will press for a short-term continuing resolution to avoid any government shutdown. Current appropriations are set to expire Oct. 1. NTEU is currently working with our allies on Capitol Hill to make sure HHS has adequate funding to perform its critical public health mission.

NTEU will continue to be very vocal about the need to provide a 3.1 percent increase to federal employees next year, matching the raise for the military. While the president has proposed a federal pay freeze for 2020, the House approved the raise before leaving for the break.

Although it's summer, there is no slowdown for NTEU as we advocate for your rights in the workplace, adequate resources for HHS and a fair pay raise next year. We'll keep you updated on our efforts.

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