



Management Walks Out of Bargaining

This week, HHS walked away from the table after refusing to explain why they are proposing eliminating key rights and benefits from your contract. Employees don't have to sit back in silence. In less than 10 days, NTEU will personally deliver our petition to Secretary Azar, but we need more signatures to make a real impact.

[Watch a personal message](#) from NTEU National President Tony Reardon on this development.



Below is a brief summary:

What was supposed to be the second week of bargaining was cut short Tuesday morning when management put down its last best offer and walked out.

HHS refused to explain why they want to eliminate your rights and benefits, like alternative work schedules, telework and transit subsidies. HHS had called in a mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, but management still refused to engage in anything resembling bargaining.

HHS believes it can steamroll over your negotiated rights and benefits. We won't stand for that. Since the HHS team has no interest in reaching an agreement with NTEU, our next stop is Secretary Azar's office.

President Reardon has written to Secretary Azar requesting a meeting to discuss the state of negotiations. Regardless of whether the secretary agrees to meet, NTEU is making sure he understands that employees don't appreciate proposals that decimate their workplace rights and benefits.

On Friday, Aug. 10, President Reardon will visit HHS headquarters to personally deliver NTEU's petition, signed by more than 4,000 HHS employees nationwide and across OPDIVs. But we need even more signatures, so the secretary understands HHS employees are united in opposing these regressive proposals.

If you haven't [signed the petition](#), add your name today. If you have, thank you and please encourage your colleagues to do the same as we fight together for our rights.

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