



**Nearly 5,500 Employee Signatures**

## **NTEU Delivers Petition to Secretary Azar**

Armed with binders containing 5,500 signatures of HHS employees, NTEU National President Tony Reardon visited HHS headquarters today with a [strong message](#) to management: employees are furious about proposals to eliminate fundamental workplace rights and benefits, and they want answers.

Reardon had written to HHS Secretary Alex Azar requesting a meeting to discuss HHS' rationale behind the proposals, but Azar declined to meet, citing "scheduling issues."

"HHS employees signed this petition because they are fed up," Reardon told a crowd of NTEU members outside of HHS headquarters. Reardon listed some of the benefits employees stand to lose, including awards, AWS, telework and transit subsidies. "These are workplace benefits, that if eliminated, would have a seriously negative impact on HHS employees and the ability of the department to effectively deliver on its mission."

Immediately after delivering the petitions, Reardon held a telephone press conference with reporters to publicize HHS' shameful bargaining tactics and disrespect for employees.

Today was an important day for the HHS employees we represent and for our union, but it doesn't end here. NTEU will continue fighting to get HHS to return to the bargaining table and engage in good-faith negotiations. To show that employee opposition to HHS' actions continues to grow, we are continuing to gather petition signatures. If you haven't done so already, [add your name](#).

**Sign our Petition**

[NTEU thanks](#) the thousands of HHS employees who participated in the HHS Day of Shame, as well as NTEU members from agencies government-wide who took to [social media](#) to spread the word about our campaign. Your support of NTEU's efforts is critical as we work to protect your rights.

The fight for your rights continues. NTEU will keep you updated on developments.



"...to ensure that every federal employee is treated with dignity and respect."