



HHS and FDA Employees:

The pressure continues to build on HHS to resume contract negotiations. Still, management refuses to do right by its employees and bargain in good faith.

On Thursday, key members of Congress wrote yet another [letter](#) to Secretary Azar, making it the third from lawmakers urging HHS to return to the bargaining table. This latest call came from 17 members of the House Education and Workforce Committee, including its ranking member Bobby Scott of Virginia. The committee has jurisdiction over many HHS programs.

The lawmakers voiced concern that management's demeanor at the bargaining table will "undermine the Department's ability to effectively administer its programs on behalf of the citizens we serve." The letter went on to call HHS's single day of bargaining and rush to declare an impasse "irregular and disturbing."

Of course, NTEU agrees and we aren't letting up in our fight to protect your negotiated rights and benefits.

Informational Picketing Announced

Next Thursday, Oct. 25, HHS employees in Washington, D.C., will join NTEU National President Tony Reardon at [HHS Headquarters](#) for informational picketing.

Together, we will send a message to Secretary Azar that we aren't going anywhere. We will also have fliers to educate the public on how HHS is mistreating the federal employees who protect their health and wellbeing. Standing side-by-side in solidarity with you will be your fellow NTEU members from agencies governmentwide. They understand just how important this fight is to all federal employees.



If you're in Washington, D.C., please plan to join us. But even if you aren't, you can still make your voice heard by doing one, or more, of these activities on Oct. 25:

- Show your support on social media by posting a photo with a ["Shame on HHS" sign](#) and use the hashtag #ShameOnHHS.
- [Sign the petition](#) demanding that HHS return to the bargaining table.
- Wear black clothing every Wednesday and on Oct. 25.
- [Send a message](#) to your members of Congress at the Legislative Action Center.
- Wear a Shame on HHS sticker.
- [Tweet Secretary Azar](#) at @SecAzar ([Get sample tweets](#)).
- [Take our survey](#) on issues that matter to you and how you'd like to get involved.

Yes, I will attend