



HHS and FDA Employees:

How are you spending your lunch hour on Thursday?

If you work in the Washington, D.C., area, NTEU is urging you to join us on the picket line as we fight for your workplace rights.

Not in D.C.? You can stand with your colleagues by taking action on Thursday in a number of ways (see below).

National President Tony Reardon, HHS employees and NTEU members from other federal agencies will be making some noise outside of [HHS headquarters](#) on Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. This is our chance to send a loud, unified message to Secretary Azar that your contract is important to you and you're willing to fight to save it.

Joining us for informational picketing will be Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, one of the [growing number](#) of NTEU allies in Congress urging HHS to return to the bargaining table and negotiate in good faith.

We will have signs, fliers for the public, and food and refreshments. All we need are your powerful voices.

As a reminder, informational picketing by federal employees is allowed and protected under federal law. Please plan to join us, even if you can't make the full hour, and **be sure to take annual leave.**

Not in Washington, D.C.? You can join our efforts by doing one, or more, of these activities on Thursday, 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