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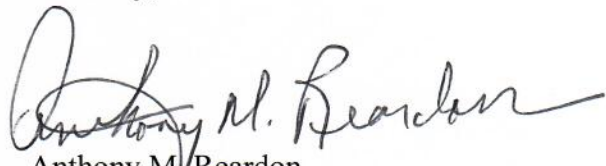
The Honorable Alex M. Azar II
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Azar,

I am writing to ask for a meeting with you on Friday, August 10, to discuss bargaining over the term contract between the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and NTEU. As I assume you know, your negotiators have proposed to eliminate very popular workplace programs from the agreement, including telework and alternative work schedules. Our bargaining team reports that your team refuses to engage in any discussions about HHS' proposals, expressing no apparent interest in reaching an agreement that simultaneously promotes employee job satisfaction and delivers on the agency's mission. I am very concerned about negative outcomes, for employees as well as the agency, if bargaining stays on its current course.

Please let me know if you are available to meet any time that day. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



Anthony M. Reardon
National President