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The Honorable Ike Skelton
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As President of the International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers (IFPTE), I am writing regarding tomorrow's Armed Services Committee mark-up of the FY10 Defense Authorization bill. We at IFPTE would like to express our support for an amendment to be offered by Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter dealing with the National Security Personnel System (NSPS).

The provisions of Congresswoman Shea-Porter's amendment that are supported by IFPTE are as follows:

- Restores full nationwide adjustment to those federal employees working under NSPS (which is currently 60%, vs. 100% for GS);
- Prohibits new hires to be put into NSPS;
- Prohibits any reclassification of positions to NSPS as of June 16, 2009 (DOD has suspended conversion of current DOD employees from GS into NSPS but is continuing to place new employees into NSPS), and;
- Mandates that within one year of enactment the Secretary of Defense shall convert all NSPS employees back to the General Schedule unless the Defense Secretary informs Congress six months prior to conversion of significant progress within the program (per the Defense Business Board's NSPS Task Force report to be released in September).

I thank you and the full Committee Membership for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or IFPTE Legislative Director Matt Biggs at (202) 239-4880.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Junemann,
President

Cc: House Armed Services Committee Members