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Hon. Walter Jones
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Jones,

On behalf of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), representing upwards of 90,000 workers in the United States and Canada, including tens of thousands of federal employees from coast to coast, we are writing to express our union's appreciation to you and your staff for your longstanding and steadfast support of our nation's federal employees. The support of you personally, and your senior staffer, Ray Celeste, is appreciated by all of IFPTE's members.

Our union began our relationship with your office back in 2003 when the so-called National Security Personnel System (NSPS) was being pushed through Congress. You keenly and correctly identified that legislation – which later on became law of the land – as not only being a detriment to our national security, but also as a baseless and needless attack on the civilian workers at the Department of Defense (DOD). During that time, you stood tall for our nation's national security, for our fighting men and women, and for the civilian workers who continue to work day in and day out to protect our nation. Within your role as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, and in no small part because of your bipartisan leadership, eight years later NSPS was fully repealed and our DOD workforce was able to again work without the threat of losing their rights in the workplace.

Since then you have continued to be a bipartisan champion of the federal workforce. Whether it is your votes to protect federal official time, to against fiscally reckless privatization attempts, to attempting to overturn the unfair 25% DOD per diem cuts for civilian long term travel, you have been with federal workers without exception. The members of IFPTE, including those who work at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and reside in your Congressional district, cannot thank you enough for that support.

Sadly, the current Congress seems intent to bring back some of the NSPS like policies of the past, and continue to attack the worker and collective bargaining protections that exist in the federal workplace. While IFPTE is obviously disappointed that these attacks continue, we are heartened that we have you leading the charge against them.

Thank you again for your support. IFPTE looks forward to continuing to work with you and your staff for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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