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IFPTE President Matt Biggs Statement

on

Today's Announcement of a Settlement with IFPTE's Affiliate the National Assn. of Immigration Judges and the Dept. of Justice Restoring Full Union Rights to Immigration Judges

Today's announcement of a settlement between the Department of Justice and IFPTE's affiliate, the National Association of Immigration Judges, restores basic rights to the nation's immigration judges and helps to protect judicial independence. The Trump administration had cynically tried to deny justice to the nation's 500 immigration judges, decertify their union that had existed for nearly half a century, and strip away union rights of individual members to silence them. As a result of this settlement, once again immigration judges will have full due process rights and a voice through their union and will continue to render decisions based on the law, rather than political pressure tied to an anti-immigrant ideology espoused by the previous administration.

IFPTE applauds the Biden administration and Congressional leaders including Sen. Durbin and Reps. Lofgren and Sanchez, along with the House Labor Caucus for using their influence to bring about this decision.

Matt Biggs is the President of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers. Across North America, IFPTE represents 90,000 highly-skilled workers, in both the public and private sectors. In the federal government IFPTE represents tens of thousands of highly-skilled professionals who work in a wide range of occupations including Immigration Judges at the Department of Justice, engineers and technical workers at the Department of Defense, Administrative Law Judges who hear cases at the Social Security Administration, along with rocket scientists and technicians at NASA. The union is an affiliate of the AFL-CIO and the CLC. More information can be found at www.IFPTE.org.

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