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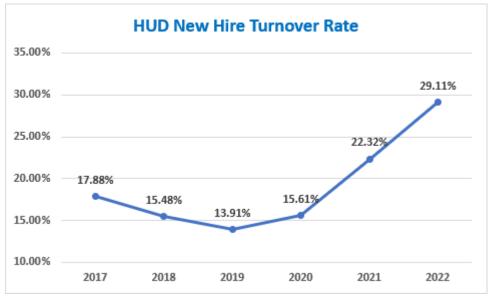
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Dear Bargaining Unit Employees:

According to HUD's Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO), **employee turnover rates are on the rise** for HUD employees who have been with the agency for 3 years or less:



Source: OCHCO

HUD's new hire turnover rate in 2022 was **more than double** what it was at the peak of the Trump/antigovernment worker sentiment in 2019.

Under Sec. Fudge, the average new hire turnover rate climbed to 25.72% from an average of 15.72% under Sec. Carson.

• That's a 64% increase.

- HUD is currently losing more than one out of four—almost one in three—new hires before they hit
 the three-year mark.
- ... and we're on an upward trend.

OCHCO conducted a pilot "Stay Survey" in February 2023 to identify the factors that are "proponents and detractors to the work environment."

The survey asked questions about first-line supervisors and immediate teams. OCHCO appears to assume that it's the immediate supervisor's fault if employees want to leave.

The Stay Survey asked **NO QUESTIONS about HUD policies** (such as remote work), work-life balance, promotion potential, authority of first-line supervisors to make decisions, upper management support for first-line supervisors, or external factors such as IT support/equipment.

And considering it was a "Stay Survey" to figure out why recent hires leave HUD and how to encourage them to stay, it **failed to ask any relevant questions** such as:

- Do you plan to leave?
- What would make you want to leave (e.g., agency policies, promotion potential, pay, work-life balance)?
- What would make you want to stay?
- Are you aware of support functions such as Union, EAP, etc.?

In short...this survey is meaningless and won't help Sec. Fudge turn around the turnover trend. In contrast, your Union is fighting to protect and enforce your rights, including all those aspects of work—such as remote work and telework, discipline, and performance appraisals—that matter most to you.

See the attached survey results provided by OCHCO.

In solidarity,

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