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Update on the Safe Return to Workplace Plan Negotiations

Dear Bargaining Unit Employees,

To put it lightly it's been an interesting week. HUD Employee COVID cases are on the rise since they have been reporting to work twice per pay period. This is due to Management foolishly following the CDC and the Discretionary Safer Workplace Taskforce GUIDANCE instead of making actual decisions that really protect the workforce. Management's Negotiating Team continues to use stall tactics. Now after 6 months of hard bargaining work we still don't have a Supplement. Our Council continues to fight for the ultimate protection you can have while they follow misguided guidance that clearly is not working.

The fact is that Secretary Fudge and Deputy Secretary Todman not only retained the same individuals from the former Trump Administration, but they also promoted them. Now these individuals are put in charge of negotiating on behalf of the Agency.

Management calls the Union their Partners. We're not or ever will be partners, as Employees' safety and health continue to be neglected.

Deputy Secretary Todman, instruct ELR Deputy Director D'andra Hankinson to give us a signed Supplement so that we can implement safety procedures immediately. No more stalling.

Examiner positions have not been deemed eligible for Remote Work and therefore, precludes us from applying for remote work, can you provide me with the basis for this denial? I know that a week ago you had discussed with me that there was a concern that if we did get approved for Remote Work that this would further reduce the amount of people in the office and may cause GSA to require the Albany HUD office to

bring our space down to the Federal Building. I'm just wondering if this was the basis for the denial.

Sincerely,

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