

AFGE Council 222

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this e: alert finds you well, despite the challenging circumstances we face. As your union, we are deeply committed to fighting tirelessly for your rights and well-being.

Here's an urgent update on actions we've taken to combat fraud, waste, and abuse that threaten our jobs and HUD's mission:

1. AFGE National Council 222 has alerted key legislators about alarming reports of fraud, waste, and abuse within HUD's NSPIRE program. We've reached out to members of Congress and Senate, and local officials including:

- Chairman James Comer, House Committee on Oversight and Accountability
- Chairwoman Patty Murray, Senate Appropriations Committee
- Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate for the District of Columbia
- DC Mayor Muriel Bowser
- Other key committee chairs and officials

2. We've filed on behalf of union membership to address concerns of fraud, waste, and abuse, comprehensive complaints with the HUD Inspector General detailing systemic mismanagement in the NSPIRE program under PIH leadership. Key issues include:

- Poor technology decisions costing tens of millions in taxpayer dollars

- Appointment of unqualified personnel to key positions
- Egregious mismanagement
- Improper oversight of contracts and contractors
- Operational inefficiencies threatening resident health and safety

3. We're demanding full transparency and accountability to restore public trust in HUD operations. The mismanagement of NSPIRE represents a significant breach of public trust and misuse of taxpayer funds.

4. We continue to fight against attempts to undermine your collective bargaining rights, including recent efforts to restrict your rights under Article 24 (Merit Promotion) and Article 30 (Performance Appraisal) that are impacted by a lack of transparency with these staffing processes, lack of clarity in roles, and negative impact to union members based on these actions.

LET ME BE CLEAR: The dedicated officials of Council 222 and I as your President will continue to FIGHT vigorously for your rights in the workplace, no matter what obstacles we face. We recognize the challenges ahead, but we are here to fight for you, your rights and your future. Fraud, waste and abuse threatens all of that.

We need your help! If you have witnessed or know of any fraud, waste, or abuse within HUD, and do not know how to or are uncomfortable filing with the HUD Inspector General's Office, please reach out to the union immediately. Your information could be crucial in our efforts to protect jobs and ensure HUD fulfills its mission.

Look for follow up communication on this, as we diligently fight to address all issues associated with fraud, waste and abuse, to ensure the health and safety of HUD tenants are protected. We continue to address HUD cronyism, favoritism and mismanagement that impacts members and we continually advocate for judicious management of taxpayer funded resources.

We will continue to work towards mutual agreement and reasonable solutions. We thank you for your continued support and public service to the American people.

Always in Solidarity,

Antonio F. Gaines
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