

# FEDERAL WORKERS ALLIANCE

COLLECTIVELY REPRESENTING OVER 300,000 FEDERAL WORKERS

October 8, 2010

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The unions of the Federal Workers Alliance (FWA), collectively representing more than 300,000 federal workers, urge you to increase the budget for the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) to \$30 million in your fiscal year 2012 budget proposal. Your fiscal year 2011 budget proposal called for a \$26 million annual FLRA budget.

The FLRA, a small but critical agency for the federal workforce, has been greatly underfunded over much of the last decade. Consequently, the agency does not have adequate staff to handle the workload, and the agency has amassed a significant number of over-aged cases of 120 days or older. This significantly undermines effective labor-management relations at agencies throughout the federal government.

This modest \$4 million budget adjustment would not significantly grow the agency; it would simply restore the FLRA to the same inflation-adjusted budget it operated on before the Bush Administration decimated the agency.

We look forward to continue working with your Administration over the coming years as we seek to enhance government service to the American people.

Sincerely,



William R. Dougan  
Chairman, Federal Workers Alliance

cc: FLRA Members  
FLRA GC  
OMB  
Sen. Richard Durbin, Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services  
Rep. Jose Serano, Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services

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County, and Municipal  
Employees

American Federation  
of Teachers

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Technicians

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Machinists and Aerospace  
Workers

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Electrical Workers

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of Teamsters

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Technical Engineers

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of North America

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