## National Council of HUD Locals

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May 16, 1991

Dr. J. William Hirzy President Local 2050 NFFE PO Box 76082 Washington DC 20013

Dear Dr. Hirzy:

The Council of HUD Locals 222 has long fought for Freedom of Speech. Having received letters from you and Mr. Dwight Welch requesting public support and the scheduling of the Council Convention on April 20-21, 1991, we accepted a recommendation to bring the following resolution to the Body.

AFGE Council of HUD Locals 222 convening in New Orleans LA on April 20-21, 1991 resolves that management shall not contravene the Free Speech Rights of Unions. AFGE Council of HUD Locals 222 convening in New Orleans LA on April 20-21, 1991 resolves that management shall not contravene the Free Speech Rights of employees. We stand in solidarity with our Brothers and Sisters at EPA in their fight against the illegal activities of management.

We do not agree with EPA management and their contention that "participation in the 'Carpet Dialogue'" and union representatives answering requests by the public does not meet the requirements for the legal use of official time. Certainly these matters concern the working conditions of all employees at EPA.

Our Legislative Committee members, Joan Ladesh, Washington DC (202) 708-1015, (FTS) 8-458-1015 and James Harrell, Seattle WA, (206) 442-8180, (FTS) 8-399-8180 will discuss these and other issues with you and outline further steps that will be taken on behalf of your efforts.

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Clifton Barnhill Council President

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Ms. Sheila Velasco, President National Federation of Federal Employees, NFFE 1016 16th Street, NW Washington DC 20036

Dear Ms. Velasco:

The management of the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, is attempting to prevent the officers and stewards of Local 2050, NFFE from responding to questions from citizens. This was well documented by letters I received from Bill Hirzy, President and Dwight Welch, President-elect of Local 2050. EPA also has an AFGE Local.

Freedom of Speech challenges have long been fought by the Council of HUD Locals 222. As the Council was meeting in New Orleans LA, April 20 through the 21, 1991, we accepted a recommendation to bring the following Resolution to the Body.

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We have seen the successes of Unions working together. Council 222 will continue to offer a helping hand to our Brothers and Sisters.

If you have any questions please call Council Officers and Legislative Committee members, Joan Ladesh, Washington DC at (202) 708-1015 or Jim Harrell, Seattle WA at (206) 442-8180.

Sincerely,

Clifton Barnhill

President

CC: Loree Murray, Local 3331 AFGE
, Dr. J. William (Bill) Hirzy, Local 2050 NFFE

If you have any questions please call Joan Ladesh, Washington DC at (202) 708-1015 or Jim Harrell, EVP, C-222, Seattle WA at (206)

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