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BY EMAIL

Dear Administrator Bedford:

As President of the FAA's third largest union, I received notice for the first time yesterday from the Agency that we are to vacate our offices in 10B by June 7, 2026. We have occupied these offices for more than 15 years, and despite a contractual requirement for the Agency to give us no less than 30 days notice of a change to working conditions and the fact that we submitted negotiable proposals just last week on this topic, the Agency elected to proceed with this precipitous eviction.

The Agency is legally and contractually obligated to bargain with the Union about this matter, and implementation during bargaining or without bargaining is an unfair labor practice and contractual violation. The Agency has implemented without bargaining, especially since the Union initiated bargaining on this specific topic on May 22, 2026. We again, in writing, demand to bargain over this issue.

More importantly, little to no notice to move infringes on our ability to effectively and adequately represent employees in our bargaining unit. It also infringes on our ability to respond quickly to Agency needs. Be advised that we will now need the entire time available to us under the contract to process any action or proposal that the Agency sends to the Union.

Additionally, given the Agency's union busting stance, I will seek a membership vote to authorize picketing of FAA facilities, DOT Headquarters, and selected key airports around the country. We will seek assistance from our AFSCME brothers and sisters at other federal sector locals and in DC government. We know how to turn out and when we do, the press covers it. We look forward to helping Congress and the American public understand the dysfunction that exists at FAA.

Regards,

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