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Workers to March to Capitol, Speak Out Against Bush Administration Attacks on Civil Service

AFL-CIO President, Coalition Leaders To Address Workers at UDWC Rally

WASHINGTON, DC – On Tuesday, February 8th, union officials from the United DoD Workers Coalition (UDWC), accompanied by rank and file federal workers from across the nation, will march together to Capitol Hill to protest the Bush Administration's continued offensive against our nation's federal workers. Before marching to the Capitol, the UDWC will host a press conference and rally aimed at bringing transparency to the administration's efforts to strip worker rights and collective bargaining protections from hundreds of thousands of Civil Servants currently employed by the Federal government.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) President John Gage, AFL-CIO Metal Trades Department President Ron Ault, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) President Gregory Junemann, National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) President David Holway and President Richard Brown, National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) are scheduled to speak prior to the march to the Capitol.

Despite the best efforts of the UDWC to combat the administration's ideologically driven agenda aimed at destroying the rights U.S. Civil Servant workers, and contrary to the wishes of Congress, the Bush Administration remains intent on moving full speed ahead by unilaterally overhauling the human resources practices at both DoD and DHS. And, as evidenced by an announcement coming from the White House last week, President Bush has identified the destruction of worker protections throughout the remainder of the civil service as a top legislative priority in 2005.

The press conference and rally will take place on February 8th from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, located at 400 New Jersey Avenue, Northwest.

The UDWC is comprised of 36 unions, representing the vast majority of DoD's 770,000 Civilian workers.

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Workers
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Employees
Fairchild Federal Employees Union
American Federation of Gov.
Employees
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Commissary Unions
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Aerospace Workers
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Assn.
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Mates & Pilots
Metal Trades Dept., AFL-CIO
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United American Nurses
Int'l Union of Operating Engineers
Int'l Union of Painters and Allied
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Apprentices of the Plumbing &
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United Power Trades Org.
Int'l Federation of Professional and
Technical Engineers
Retail, Wholesale, and
Department Store Union
Seafarers Int'l Union
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