



2017 Legislative Priority Issues

NTEU's priority issues are the broad agenda that the union establishes to guide action on Capitol Hill in 2017. These are the issues that attendees at the annual Legislative Conference will discuss in meetings with their representatives and staff when they come to Washington, D.C., the first week of March. NTEU members can use these priority issues as the basis of discussion for congressional representatives when they are in their home districts and for their local staff.

NTEU is prepared to push this agenda but is ready to respond to any other threats that emerge and push for legislation that is beneficial to the federal workforce.

Fair Pay Securing a fair pay increase.

- ▶ Fighting efforts to reduce pay for federal employees
- ▶ Battling any attempts for another freeze on federal pay
- ▶ Pushing to begin closing the wide gap between public and private sector pay



Protecting Retirement Benefits

Guarding against any efforts to harm the retirement system, or dilute benefits.

- ▶ Fighting proposals to eliminate defined annuity in FERS
- ▶ Retaining high-3 average for calculating annuity
- ▶ Opposing legislation to increase employee share of annuity contributions



Health Care Preserving the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program

- ▶ Pushing for reforms to bring down prescription drug prices and premiums
- ▶ Rejecting attempts to turn FEHBP into a voucher system
- ▶ Opposing legislation to reduce employee and retiree insurance coverage



Workplace Fairness

Protecting employee rights and the merit system to ensure fair and transparent workplaces.

- ▶ Protecting collective bargaining
- ▶ Ensuring the grievance process remains
- ▶ Making sure employees have access to representation



Achieving Agency Missions

Fighting for the resources and funding necessary to allow federal agencies to succeed for our country.

- ▶ Fend off further budget cuts
- ▶ Push back against attacks on specific agencies and employees
- ▶ Opposing the hiring freeze and staffing cuts

