



August 26, 2022

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Cindy Long  
Administrator  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Food and Nutrition Service  
1320 Braddock Place  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Administrator Long:

I write regarding the safety and security of FNS employees, which I know is a matter of utmost importance to both FNS and NTEU. I am sure you are aware of the recent dangerous and false rhetoric by some politicians and others. NTEU is increasingly worried about the safety of FNS employees, and we ask that you immediately take steps to enhance security at FNS facilities and take measures to minimize placing employees in settings where they are at risk.

Too many times in the past, we have seen anti-government, anti-worker statements fuel violent attacks on innocent federal employees. I was sickened to read a report of one political candidate who condoned shooting federal employees "on sight." These public servants are doing the job that Congress asked of them, and they deserve to be protected.

I request that FNS undertake a comprehensive review of safety and security measures at all FNS facilities. The review should consider whether each facility has, among other things: sufficient entry control systems, including guards and magnetometers; sufficient perimeter security; exterior lighting; proper designation of restricted areas; and operable security equipment.

I appreciate your urgent attention to this matter. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the dedicated employees of FNS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony M. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Anthony M. Reardon  
National President

cc: Michelle Sandoval, FNS  
Calvin Srock, FNS  
Ken Moffett, NTEU  
Frank Barczykowski, NTEU  
Michael Robinson, NTEU