



October 1, 2018

Mick Mulvaney  
Acting Director  
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
1700 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20552

Dear Acting Director Mulvaney,

It is critically important to the CFPB frontline employees represented by the National Treasury Employees Union that the Bureau's management officials promote high standards and non-discriminatory practices.

The comments Eric Blankenstein has admitted to posting on a blog indicate that he is unfit for any leadership position in the federal government. The comments run counter to the nation's civil service principles and are particularly offensive for someone charged with leading the fair lending program. There should be zero tolerance for comments that Blankenstein has admitted authoring and nothing less than swift and decisive action is called for.

Additionally, these statements on the part of CFPB management call into question the current reorganization of the Office of Fair Lending. That reorganization must be paused, and we believe a full review is needed to assess its impact on the office's mission, especially since the reorganization puts scrutiny over discriminatory practices more directly under Blankenstein's oversight.

That someone with a history of racially derogatory and offensive comments has a leadership position at CFPB reflects poorly on CFPB management and your commitment to fulfilling the mandate of the agency to ensure that discriminatory and predatory lending practices are stopped. The frontline employees of the Bureau have always displayed dedication to America's consumers and they deserve to have leadership that reflects and supports their work.

I look forward to prompt action and a quick response to this. CFPB employees and the American public they serve deserve no less.

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

