

July 10, 2019

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), I urge you to support Amendment 10 to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020, H.R. 2500. The amendment would prevent the administration from carrying out its proposed reorganization of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Specifically, the amendment would prohibit the administration from taking “any action to transfer, transition, merge, or consolidate any functions, responsibilities, programs, authorities, information technology systems, staff, resources, or records of the Office of Personnel [Management] to or with the General Services Administration, the Office of Management and Budget, or the Executive Office of the President.”

The provision would prevent the administration from undermining safeguards against the politicization of the federal workforce by dismantling OPM and moving civil service policy to the Executive Office of the President. The administration also has failed to make a compelling case for moving OPM’s programmatic functions, including the administration of health care to more than 8 million individuals, to the General Services Administration (GSA). OPM is in need of modernization to meet the needs of today’s federal community, but a complete absorption of the agency into GSA does not solve those problems. For a full review of NARFE’s concerns with the reorganization, please see our [testimony](#) before the House Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on Government Operations.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote for Amendment 10 to the FY20 NDAA. Thank you for your consideration of our views. If you have any questions or comments, please contact NARFE’s Staff Vice President of Advocacy Jessica Klement at 571-483-1264 or jklement@narfe.org.

Sincerely,



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