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Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Andrew Lautz <alautz@ntu.org>
Subject: Re: Clarification on NTU's Memo to HCOR on Their June 29 Markup

Also wanted to flag this statement on Rep. Hice's thoughtful proposals for MSPB reform:

"National Taxpayers Union appreciates Rep. Hice's years-long work on whistleblower matters and Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) reform. We hope that lawmakers on the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, in the broader House of Representatives, and in the Senate work with Rep. Hice today and in the future on improving the MSPB. While NTU is deeply concerned about the backlog at MSPB and the lack of a quorum, and the impact the case backlog has on whistleblowers, we appreciate that lawmakers can and should do more to ensure MSPB works for whistleblowers and taxpayers going forward. Rep. Hice has offered thoughtful proposals, and we hope lawmakers work on MSPB in a bipartisan fashion going forward."

Please let me know if you have any questions.

--Andrew

On Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 8:20 AM Andrew Lautz <alautz@ntu.org> wrote:
Good morning,

This is Andrew Lautz at NTU. I wanted to offer an important clarification on yesterday's [memo](#) sent to HCOR offices, regarding three bills slated for markup today at the Committee. While NTU stands by its support for the three bills mentioned -- H.R. 2988, the Whistleblower Protection Improvement Act; H.R. 1224, the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) Empowerment Act; and H.R. 2043, the Periodically Listing Updates to Management (PLUM) Act -- we wanted to make clear to offices that **NTU does not count markup votes on our scorecard**. We only consider legislation that reaches the House or Senate floor.

Above all, we earnestly believe that lawmakers can and should work on good-government reforms -- from enhancing whistleblower and Inspector General protections to asserting Congress's power of the purse -- in a bipartisan and bicameral fashion. While the political context surrounding individual bills does not factor into NTU's scorecard, NTU's government affairs team is sensitive to those concerns and believes that good-government efforts with bipartisan buy-in are far more stable and lasting for taxpayers than ones advanced on a partisan basis.

If you have **any** questions, comments, or concerns before the 9am markup, please reach out to me. We appreciate the working relationship we have with many of you and look forward to continuing that work together.

Best,
Andrew

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