

NFFE News



Fighting for Feds: How NFFE is Combating Attacks on the Civil Service

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Since January 20th, the Trump Administration – alongside unelected bureaucrat and billionaire Elon Musk – has launched a series of initiatives and policy actions that directly threaten federal employees, harm NFFE members, and undermine the civil service. NFFE is fighting every day to protect our members and uphold the rights of federal workers. Here’s how:

1. Advocating in Congress: For nearly two years since the release of *Project 2025*, NFFE has been warning lawmakers about the coordinated effort to weaken the civil service. Our legislative team regularly [briefs members of both parties](#) on how they can support federal employees and defend democracy. We have also established ongoing briefings with key lawmakers and Congressional committees to ensure consistent messaging and legislative strategy.

2. Taking Legal Action: Yesterday, NFFE and a coalition of labor unions [filed a lawsuit](#) against Musk and DOGE, challenging their unlawful access to confidential data belonging to millions of Americans, including federal employees and retirees. Our legal team continues to assess additional legal challenges that may be necessary to protect federal workers.

3. Working with Union Coalitions and Advocacy Groups: NFFE works closely with major labor organizations, including the AFL-CIO and the IAM, to coordinate defenses of the civil service. As the lead union in the Federal Workers Alliance, we collaborate with other unions representing federal employees to amplify our collective voice. We have partnered with independent advocacy groups like [Civil Service Strong](#) and [Democracy Forward](#) in our shared goal of protecting the federal workforce.

4. Informing the Public: NFFE leaders have been featured in [national TV, print, and online media](#) to highlight the dangerous consequences of these attacks on the civil service. We continue to argue that protecting federal workers is essential to preserving the public services Americans rely on.

5. Providing Resources for Members: To help members navigate the latest threats, NFFE has published [guidance and FAQs](#) on issues like the “deferred resignation” offer and recent executive orders. We hosted a membership-wide meeting in late January and will hold another on **February 26** to provide updates and answer questions.

6. Securing Independent Platforms for Communication & Representation: Recognizing that the Trump Administration may attempt to block government email use and union access to workplaces, NFFE has launched a [new communication tool](#) to keep members connected. Additionally, we are preparing to roll out a **direct online dues payment platform** in anticipation of the administration’s expected ban on payroll dues deductions for federal employees.

The Fight Continues: Attacks on the federal workforce will persist over the next four years—but NFFE remains steadfast in our mission to defend the nonpartisan civil service and uphold democracy. These efforts are made possible by the support of dues-paying NFFE members. We encourage you to get involved in this critical fight for the future of the federal workforce. [Join us today!](#)

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