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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
U.S. House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

JOZEF DROZDOWSKI
National Vice President

Dear Representative Baldwin:

PATRICIA LA SALA
National Vice President

On behalf of the National Federation of Federal Employees and the 100,000 federal employees our union represents throughout the United States and abroad, we would like to express our support for the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009 (H.R. 2517) in the 111th Congress, a bill you recently introduced. By making domestic partners of federal employees eligible for the same benefits as the spouses of federal employees, you have done a great service to our membership and the federal workforce as a whole.

KOLLEEN MCGRATH
National Vice President

Ensuring that all federal workers are granted the right of equal pay for equal work is an issue of paramount concern to our union. Since benefits comprise a great deal of federal employees' compensation, we believe this legislation will help make tremendous strides towards ensuring fairness and equality within the federal workplace.

JOHN OBST
National Vice President

We fully endorse the proposed extension of both benefits and obligations to the same-sex domestic partners of federal employees. According to UCLA's Williams Institute, more than 30,000 federal workers live in committed relationships with same-sex domestic partners who are not federal employees. As such, this legislation would substantively improve the lives of thousands of federal workers.

TIM OSTROWSKI
National Vice President

We thank you for introducing this legislation and stand ready to assist you in helping this bill become law.

DEBBIE RANSOM
National Vice President

Sincerely,

Richard N. Brown
National President

COLIN WALLE
National Vice President

