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Ms. Nancy Berryhill
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Dear Nancy:

The National Council of Social Security Management Associations (NCSSMA) requested participant status on the agency's Telework 6 on 6 Workgroup as early as December 2015. As you are aware, NCSSMA continued to request participant status on the workgroup even as recently as March 2017. We have been told that no additional slots were available and the agency did not believe adding an additional participant would be feasible given the requirement to also allow the union an additional participant.

It is our understanding that Robin Sabatino, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Electronic Services and Technology (OEST), plans to retire at the end of April 2017. NCSSMA, Ms. Sabatino and OEST staff have established a great working relationship. The relationship has been beneficial to both the agency and our organization.

Ms. Sabatino's retirement creates a vacancy on the Telework 6 on 6 Workgroup. On behalf of NCSSMA, I would like to request that our organization be provided the opportunity to name the replacement for Ms. Sabatino.

NCSSMA's input and representation of field office and teleservice center management's perspective is critical to the continued rollout and ultimate implementation of telework in both the field and teleservice centers. Based on what we were told after our initial request, there would not appear to be any roadblocks in allowing NCSSMA to name the replacement.

NCSSMA's perspective and participation will further the opportunity to continue building relationships with agency executives, components and the union. From our experience, decisions are best when all

stakeholders are represented. We are committed to working collaboratively and respectfully with those already participating on the workgroup.

On behalf of NCSSMA, I appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Detzler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Christopher Detzler
NCSSMA President