

**MEMORANDUM**

**FROM:** Harry Kaiser  
**TO:** John Lyons  
Kay Thomas  
**SUBJECT:** Schlein Testimony on H.R. 1530

On July 20, David Schlein, AFGE District 14 Vice President, testified before the House Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Agriculture Research and Environment.

Schlein's testimony was well received by the subcommittee and its Chairman James Scheuer (D-NY). Scheuer took particular interest in the portion of Schlein's testimony regarding the USIA headquarters' IAQ problems. Scheuer was unaware that GSA could not take any action, if it even cared to, on USIA's IAQ problems because of its leasing arrangement with the property owner.

Scheuer was outraged at this situation and developed a line of questioning in this area. Schlein informed Scheuer that there was an individual in the hearing room who could provide more detail on the history of the situation-- Norman Painter, President of Local 1812. Scheuer called Painter to the witness table and asked him to describe the problems the union had faced. When Painter was finished, Scheuer told Schlein and Painter that his committee was anxious to work with AFGE and its attorneys to rectify this type of GSA leasing problem.

Prior to his testimony, Schlein had a chance to introduce himself to Rep. Joe Kennedy, the bill's sponsor, and talk about his testimony and the problems government workers face from poor indoor air quality.

Schlein will keep me posted on any developments that take place between his union and the Committee.

Press materials were distributed at the hearing and there was a small contingent of media people at the press table. We are following up to determine if there was any coverage of Schlein's testimony.

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