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## BREAKING NEWS - April 14, 2010

### **AFGE To Testify before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security**

**Witold Skwierczynski , President of the AFGE National Council of SSA Field Operations, and Daniel Woosley, Executive Vice President of AFGE Local 3984, will testify at 10:00 a.m. EST on April 15, 2010 before the U.S House of Representative's Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security.**

**AFGE has been invited by Rep. Earl Pomeroy, Chair of the Subcommittee, to address the concerns of the Union and SSA employees with regards to service delivery in SSA field offices.**

**SSA Commissioner Michael Astrue has also been invited to testify as the hearing will focus on service delivery challenges arising from an increase in benefit applications due to the recession, an aging population, and underfunding which had been a problem for many years. Commissioner Astrue will have to explain to Congress how Social Security has planned for and is managing these challenges.**

**Last March, in a hearing before the Social Security Subcommittee, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported problems that severely affected SSA's service delivery. These included phone service, increased applications, and limited staffing resources in field offices. The GAO recommended that Commissioner Astrue establish a service delivery plan; however, he has refused to do so.**

**Copies of the Union's testimony (Mr. Skwierczynski and Mr. Woosley) can be obtained at [www.afgec220.org](http://www.afgec220.org).**

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