



## **Update on National Media Coverage of HR1 Proposed Budget Cuts**

(March 15, 2011) NWSEO has been working hard to inform the media, the public and our members about the impact of the proposed budget cuts on the National Weather Service and the agency's mission of protecting lives and property.

As a result of our efforts, there has been a great deal of coverage on this issue in print, television, and online media. Below are just two of the most recent news stories, of the many that have been generated.

MSNBC – March 14, 2011 – Go to the link below and start the video titled, "The OpEd: What happens if tragedy hits here?"

<http://www.wegoted.com/archive/theedshow/default.asp?aDate=3/14/2011>

The Raw Story – March 14, 2011 - The NWS Budget Cuts made the "#1 Most Shocking" in this article.

<http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2011/03/14/top-10-most-shocking-spending-cuts-republicans-voted-for/>

NWSEO also started a Facebook Community, called Protect the National Weather Service. We now have more than 46,500 "likes." The page has become a forum for those who are interested in the work of the National Weather Service and the agency's mission. There is a Resource section that includes sample letters to legislators in support of funding the NWS. Please take a look at this page and share it with your friends.

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Protect-the-National-Weather-Service/193060867385939>

We encourage you to continue to write your legislators. There are sample letters along with contact information available at [http://www.nwseo.org/Member\\_News/HR\\_1\\_Proposed.php](http://www.nwseo.org/Member_News/HR_1_Proposed.php). This page also has a listing of some of the recent articles generated by NWSEO efforts. You will notice many of the articles include an interview NWSEO President Dan Sobien or one of our stewards.

Thanks to the diligent work of our stewards and members, we have been much more effective than any other federal sector labor union in fighting for funding for its parent agency. Yet, we are one of the smallest national unions in existence. This effort is stretching our resources very thin. Your membership is greatly appreciated. We could not do what we do without you. We hope you will encourage non-members in your office to join. We are the only organization whose entire existence is focused on making sure that you have employment and that your working conditions are the best they can be. NWSEO membership is the driving force behind our union and our strength.

(If you have trouble with any of the links, please cut and paste them into your browser.)