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## **Science Committee Leader and Federal Employee Advocate Rep. Don Beyer to address NWSEO National Convention**

(August 14, 2015) Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA) will address NWSEO's National Convention in Alexandria, Virginia on Sunday, September 27 at 10 a.m. All NWSEO members are invited and encouraged to attend.



Rep. Beyer is serving his first term in Congress and has taken a leadership role in advocating on behalf of the interests of NWS employees. He was one of three members of the House Science Committee to request the GAO to undertake a study of NWS understaffing last in May. At a recent Science Committee hearing on NWS contracting practices, he questioned the Commerce Department's Deputy Assistant Inspector General about why his office failed to take action on NWSEO's complaint about the pervasive and illegal use of personal service contracts (in lieu of hiring FTEs) at the NWS.

Beyer serves as Ranking Member (the senior Democrat) on the House Science Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight. He is the former Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, and headed President Obama's transition team for the Commerce Department. He served as U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland before running for Congress in 2014.

Beyer's northern Virginia congressional district is home to 76,000 Federal employees. He is an original cosponsor of the Family Paid Parental Leave Act, which would provide six weeks of paid parental leave to Federal employees for the birth or fostering of a child. Earlier this year, he joined other Members of Congress from the Washington, DC area in introducing the FAIR Act, proposing a 3.8 percent pay raise to federal workers.

Rep. Beyer will address the Convention at 10 a.m., which will be held at the Old Town Alexandria Hilton, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA. Invitations to other Members of Congress are still pending.

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