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**Washington, DC 20515**

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Dear Mr. Genova, Mr. Young, and Mr. Rasmussen:


We write to express our concern about the ongoing strike at Legal Services NYC (LSNYC). This strike will have a devastating impact on our constituents who desperately need legal services. In the interest of our constituents and their communities we are closely monitoring this situation and urge you to reach a fair and equitable settlement with your unionized staff.


We understand that the Union has agreed to guarantee savings in health insurance costs, provided that LSNYC management agrees to job security protections for bargaining unit members in the event that layoffs become necessary. We also understand that LSNYC currently employs one manager for every three bargaining unit employees, whereas the Legal Aid Society, a similarly organized employer of legal service attorneys, maintains one manager for every five employees. In any resolution, it is imperative to place a strong emphasis on advocacy and direct services to clients.

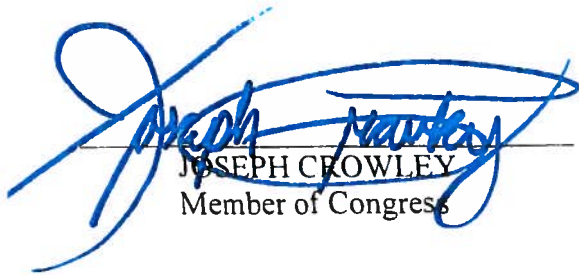
We understand that the fiscal environment is a challenging one, and there are projected funding cuts to the Legal Services Corporation in 2014 and 2015. It is also our understanding that robust reserve funds exist to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution.

For the reasons set forth above, we urge you to immediately settle a fair contract with your unionized employees and do the right thing for NYC residents who need legal services.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

  
CHARLES RANGEL  
Member of Congress



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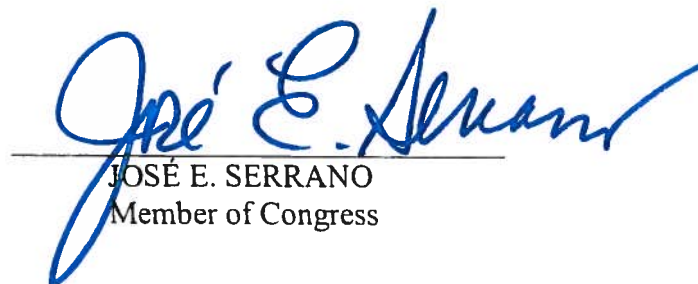
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