



November 6, 2018

VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST- CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Alex M. Azar II
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

As you may know, on November 2, 2018, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) determined that the establishment of an Emergency Leave Transfer Program (ELTP) was warranted for employees adversely affected by Hurricane Michael. Please see attachment. More information can also be found at <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/leave-administration/fact-sheets/emergency-leave-transfer-program/>.

In anticipation of employees needing additional paid leave, I am asking HHS to immediately establish an ELTP for HHS employees affected by Hurricane Michael. NTEU will work with HHS to solicit donations to the program from frontline employees. Please let me know if and when HHS will establish an ELTP for Hurricane Michael. If there are concerns about doing so, please contact Brandon Baseman directly via e-mail at Brandon.Baseman@nteu.org or telephone at 202-572-5528 to discuss the concerns.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Anthony M. Reardon
National President

Enclosure

cc: Brandon Baseman