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**NLRB Employees Picket Newark Visit by  
NLRB General Counsel  
Demand NLRB Obey Law and Bargain With Union**

*Newark, New Jersey September 10, 2007* . National Labor Relations Board employees will picket and leaflet outside of Rutgers-Newark Law School this evening beginning 6 PM when National Labor Relations Board General Counsel Ronald Meisburg is scheduled to speak at a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the NLRB Newark Regional Office. The employees are demanding that the NLRB, the federal agency charged with protecting the right of employees to form unions, abide by a ruling of the Federal Labor Relations Authority requiring the NLRB to bargain with the National Labor Relations Board Union as the representative of the certified unit.

The dispute between the NLRB and the Union dates back to 2005 when the NLRB changed its policy and refused to permit its professional employees to represent support staff employees in union matters on work time. The NLRB began denying official time for all cross-unit representation. The Union responded by petitioning the Federal Labor Relations Authority to consolidate the professional and support staff employees into a single unit. The FLRA protects the right of federal employees to form unions, just as the NLRB is charged with protecting the right of private-sector employees to form unions.

The NLRB opposed the Union's petition, but the FLRA agreed with the Union and ordered the units consolidated. After employees voted overwhelmingly in favor of

consolidation, the FLRA certified the Union in the newly consolidated unit.

NLRB General Counsel Meisburg then stated that the NLRB would not bargain with the Union and would force the FLRA to take the dispute to a federal court, a process he estimated might delay bargaining until after his term of office expires in 2010. "Meisburg is engaging in the same type of conduct that he is supposed to prohibit when it's done by private sector employers," said Eric Brooks, NLRBU President. "He can no longer be trusted to enforce employee rights."

One of the pickets, Bert Dice-Goldberg, was blunter. "The Board's employees work to enforce Federal Labor Law every day" he said. "Now my own boss is saying that he's going to violate the law. His hypocritical actions have made me embarrassed to go to work in the morning."

The Union has vowed to continue picketing at public events attended by Meisburg until he agrees to bargain with the Union.

**About The National Labor Relations Board Union.**

The National Labor Relations Board Union represents approximately 1000 employees of the National Labor Relations Board in cities across the United States. Local 22 represents employees who work in the Newark Regional Office.