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Mr. Mark Reger  
Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Office of Personnel Management  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
Theodore Roosevelt Building  
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Dear Mr. Reger:

I would like to take this opportunity to relate to you an issue which has come to my attention recently. I have received extensive details from Mr. Joseph R. Kisonas, President Local 1566 of the American Federation of Government Employees, of what he states to be a systemic pay discrepancy against the employees of Naval Air Station Key West. According to information he has supplied, the special salary rate tables indicate that employees in other parts of the country receive greater pay from Grade 05 upwards.

Mr. Kisonas' details that the Key West employees are coupled with those from Miami as of the 1990 Federal Employees Act because they did not number the 2,000 necessary to be included in a study for locality pay increase. This is problematic, he claims, because of the high costs of renting accommodation and gas in the Keys area. Mr. Kisonas' also states that the cost-of-living dilemma is causing a cyclical problem whereby inferior pay causes more employees to leave than can be hired.

In accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, I ask that you please review the details of Mr. Kisonas case and take action as appropriate. Please feel free to contact my office at (202) 225-3931 or Mr. Kisonas directly at (702) 591-7635. I have also attached a copy of the documentation supplied to me by Mr. Kisonas. Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Member of Congress

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CC: Mr. Joseph R. Kisonas  
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