**CASE DIGEST:** U.S. Dep't of the Navy, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point N.C. and IAMAW, Local Lodge 2296, AFL-CIO, 71 FLRA 630 (2020) (Member Abbott dissenting)

This case concerned the Petitioner's application for review of an FLRA Regional Director's (RD's) decision denying a petition to sever certain employees from a consolidated unit. The Union represents a bargaining unit of non-professional employees at the Agency. The RD found that the unit remained appropriate and no extraordinary circumstances warranted severing the employees from the unit. On review, the Authority found that the record supported the RD's factual findings and he did not fail to apply established law. Therefore, the Authority denied the application for review.

Member Abbott dissented and argued that the Authority should consider the merits of the Petitioner's petition because the interests, and rights, of bargaining unit employees must be vigorously protected under the Statute, which is premised on the notion that the right of employees to refrain from forming, joining, or assisting a union is afforded the same protection as an employees' right to form, join, or assist a union.

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