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FLRA Withdraws Proposed Rule which would have Limited Federal Employees Ability to Cancel their Dues Assignments to Federal Unions

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) today announces the [withdrawal of a proposal](#) that was originally published in the *Federal Register* on December 21, 2022. The December 2022 proposal concerned the intervals at which federal employees may revoke their written authorizations of payroll deductions for the payment of union dues. If adopted, that proposal would have:

(1) restricted federal employees' ability to cancel their payroll deductions for union dues by limiting cancellations to yearly intervals; and

(2) rescinded the Authority's general statement of policy or guidance in *Office of Personnel Management*, 71 FLRA 571 (2020), which explained why "it would assure employees the fullest freedom in the exercise of their rights" under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute if, after one year, "an employee had the right to initiate the revocation of a previously authorized dues assignment at any time that the employee chooses."

Besides rescinding the general statement of policy or guidance, the withdrawn proposal sought to alter [§ 2429.19 of the FLRA's Regulations](#), which currently allows federal employees, after an initial one-year period of irrevocability, to initiate cancellation of their dues assignment at any time.

The *Federal Register* [notice](#) details the withdrawal of the proposed rule.

This withdrawal action protects federal employees' rights to manage their union dues deductions with greater individual choice, consistent with the FLRA's statutory framework.

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The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for federal employees (excluding postal employees) worldwide. It is charged with providing leadership in establishing policies and guidance related to federal sector labor-management relations and with resolving disputes under, and ensuring compliance with, the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.