

## Miscellaneous - Chapter 16

### **CONTACTING THE PRESS**

On rare occasions, NFFE Local 1998 leadership speaks with the press on nationwide passport issues. Historically this has been limited to issues impacting the integrity of the passport process. For example:

- In 2008, NFFE Local 1998 endorsed HR 5752, a bill that required passports to be made entirely in the U.S.
- In 2007 & 2008, NFFE Local 1998 made statements regarding the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) and the delays in passport issuance.

*Please visit our News Archive webpage for detailed information on these topics.*

Statements to the press are only made by the Union President, acting as a Union official and not as a passport employee. Before making any statements, the Union President always consults the NFFE Local 1998 leadership and our contacts at NFFE national and the IAMAW (including the Communications staff at NFFE & IAMAW). Under no circumstance should a Senior Steward or Steward ever make any comments to a press member - all requests for comments must be directed to the Union President.



*Former President Colin Walle speaking on CNN about the 2007 work backlog*

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