

Council of Prison Locals Leads Protest Outside Justice Department

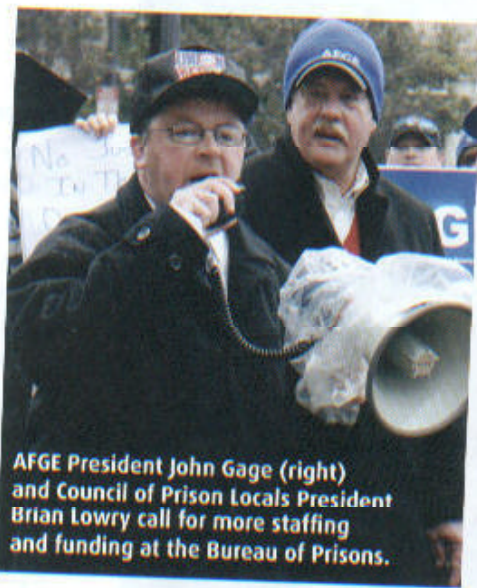
Hundreds of AFGE activists recently joined National President John Gage, National Secretary-Treasurer J. David Cox, Council of Prison Locals (CPL) President Bryan Lowry, and CPL Legislative Coordinator Phil Glover outside the Justice Department to protest the continued lack of funding and inadequate staffing throughout the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). AFGE represents employees at more than 100 federal prison facilities nationwide, including the ADX Supermax facility in Colorado.

"We can no longer turn a blind eye to the critical situation inside our nation's federal prisons," said Lowry. "We need

more staff to get the job done; it's as simple as that. Staffing shortages put federal correctional officers and the inmate population in grave danger and could threaten the security of surrounding communities."

Lowry added that the Federal Prison Industries program (also known as UNICOR), which some lawmakers want to eliminate, provides valuable training to inmates and is a good way of managing the inmate population.

Listen to Lowry and other CPL leaders discuss these issues on AFGE's radio program, "Inside Government" at www.afge.org/insidegovernment or www.federalnewsradio.com. ●



AFGE President John Gage (right) and Council of Prison Locals President Brian Lowry call for more staffing and funding at the Bureau of Prisons.