

Hello, fellow members of AFGE Local 556, My name is Joseph Groover, and I am excited to officially announce my candidacy for the position of 1st Vice President of our local union. After stepping into this role in December of 2023, following a recent vacancy, I am eager to continue serving our union and advocating for our members.

With nearly six years of experience with the TSA at MCO, I have seen the challenges our members face and have worked tirelessly to address them and stand up for our Title 5 rights. Since taking on this role, I have expanded our team of Stewards from 4 to around 15, ensuring better support and representation for everyone.

One of my key achievements has been successfully advocating for TSA pay coverage during government shutdowns in Washington. This victory ensures financial stability for our members in uncertain times. Additionally, I regularly participate in training programs to enhance my advocacy skills and stay informed about the best practices for supporting our union.

I am also committed to legislative advocacy, meeting with local congressional representatives across Florida to push for Title 5 rights for our members. Ensuring our voices are heard at all levels of government is crucial for our union's success. My goals if elected are:

- **Strong Advocacy:** I will continue to fight for your rights and fair treatment, ensuring that our collective interests are always at the forefront, both locally and nationally, by continuing to talk with government officials.
- **Growth and Support:** I will keep working to expand our network of Stewards and improve our union's ability to support its members effectively.
- **Engagement and Transparency:** Open communication and regular updates will be a priority, so you are always informed, and your concerns are addressed.

Our union needs leadership that is dedicated and focused on making real improvements for our members. I am asking for your support and your vote to continue my abilities to help AFGE Local 556. Let's build a stronger, more transparent union that truly represents and serves its members.

I appreciate your consideration,

Joseph Groover
Candidate for 1st Vice President
AFGE Local 556

