WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement after meeting today with American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) President John Gage:

"Federal employees make significant contributions to help our Nation respond to the challenges we face both domestically and abroad, so I was very pleased to meet today with John Gage to discuss the challenges and issues of concern facing their community," **stated Congressman Hoyer.** "Today's meeting was very productive and continues a larger effort to ensure that we are working to address issues of importance to our Federal employees, and I look forward to continuing this open dialogue with the leaders and members of America's Federal workforce."