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Attached please find the comment of the Federal Workers Alliance and the twenty-three undersigned labor organizations listed at Appendix A, submitted in response to the interim final rule, Requests for Arbitration Panels, RIN 3076-AA31, 91 Fed. Reg. 55473 (Aug. 28, 2026). The comment is timely filed.

The undersigned organizations collectively represent over 550,000 federal and postal workers. Many of the collective bargaining agreements they administer designate FMCS as the sole source of arbitrators for grievance arbitration. The comment addresses the Rule's effect on those agreements, the statutory authorities the Rule invokes, and four matters in which FMCS applied the practice the Rule would codify.

I write separately to note one procedural matter addressed at Section IX.G. The August 28 republication moved submission of comments from regulations.gov to this office. Because comments no longer reach a government-wide docket where submissions post automatically as received, I respectfully request written confirmation of receipt, and confirmation that this comment will be posted to the FMCS public website along with the date of posting.

Please direct any questions regarding this submission to me.

Sincerely,

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