



TSA-PROUD TO KEEP YOU SAFE.

We Are Asking You To Support The Workers Who Protect Americas Transportation System.

Will you cosponsor and support:

- **H.R. 1140 / S.944 – The Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act**, requires TSA to follow the statutes that provide workplace rights and protections to most federal government employees under Title 5 of the U.S. Code, which would apply to all screening personnel, those in the bargaining unit and to supervisory TSOs. It would also place workers under the GS pay scale & provide Title 5 collective bargaining rights.
- **HR 372; the Honoring our Fallen TSA Heroes Act**, would grant public safety officer benefits to TSA officers, or their family, in the event of their death or severe injury in the line of duty. The Public Safety Officers' Benefit Program was enacted to recognize the sacrifice of those who protect and serve our country. Currently only federal, state, and local police officers, firefighters, EMS, and state troopers are eligible for these benefits.
- **HR 1171, the Funding for Aviation Screeners and Threat Elimination Restoration (FASTER) Act**, would end the diversion of the 9/11 security fee to the general fund and restore funding to TSA aviation security operations. TSA remains chronically understaffed while \$19 billion in security fee proceeds is diverted to unrelated government spending. The additional funding would be available for aviation security personnel and checkpoint and baggage screening technology. The legislation would give TSA access to aviation security revenue during a lapse in appropriations, giving TSA flexibility to pay TSOs in the event of a future shutdown.
- **H.R. 4020, the Checkpoint Safety Act**, would require armed law enforcement to be within 300 feet of checkpoints at all high-traffic airports.

Talking Points:

- » TSA was established by an act of Congress in 2001, in response to the September 11th attacks, to protect the nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce.
- » TSA comprises more than 60,000 employees including more than 43,000 Transportation Security Officers (TSO) as well as transportation security inspectors, transportation security specialists, administrative and other security professionals
- » TSOs screen more than 2 million passengers daily and over 750 million every year
- » TSA is responsible for the security of nearly 440 federalized airports and for the security of over 23,000 domestic flights per day.
- » Nearly 50 percent of its officers have five years or more years' experience as counterterrorism professionals.

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