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Edward Wytkind is the President of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), a Washington, D.C.-based labor organization representing several million workers in the private and public sectors of the aviation, mass transit, rail, motor carrier, highway, longshore, maritime and related industries. TTD is a separately managed national transportation policy and legislative organization within the institution of the national AFL-CIO, which represents 12.2 million workers in the United States. Immediately prior to his election as President in the fall of 2003, Wytkind served as TTD Executive Director for 13 years.

Wytkind oversees TTD's daily legislative, policy, regulatory and political programs and initiatives, serving as transportation labor's chief spokesman. One of Wytkind's primary duties is to work together with TTD's 33 member unions representing transportation labor's collective interests before the United States House and Senate, the executive branch and independent agencies, boards and commissions of the federal government including the U.S. Department of Transportation and its many agencies, the U.S. Department of Labor, the National Mediation Board, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Surface Transportation Board, the White House and others. Wytkind also regularly testifies before Congress and provides a transportation labor perspective to conventions, conferences and other labor, industry and government meetings. Wytkind has also served as a transportation advisor in previous presidential elections and transitions. He has also been a guest lecturer at several universities.

Many of the issues Wytkind works on fall under the topics of increasing investment in our nation's transportation system and infrastructure; defending and enhancing collective bargaining and organizing rights;

strengthening transportation safety and security, and protecting workers from outsourcing, the ill-effects of bad trade policy and globalization.

Wytkind is currently appointed by the U.S. Trade Representative and Secretary of Labor to serve on the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy, which consults the President and Congress on trade policy issues including proposed agreements and treaties. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the Mineta Transportation Institute and has served on the Eno Transportation Foundation's Board of Advisors.

Wytkind is from Los Angeles, California, and holds membership in the Office and Professional Employees International Union. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is married and resides in suburban Washington, D.C.