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Transportation Unions Applaud Appointment of Linda Puchala to the National Mediation Board

WASHINGTON, DC – *Edward Wytkind, President of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, issued the following statement today in reaction to the Obama Administration's nomination of Linda Puchala as a Member of the National Mediation Board.*

"We applaud the President's selection of Linda Puchala to serve as a Member of the National Mediation Board (NMB). Linda is a true professional in the field of labor relations and has dedicated herself to fostering productive collective bargaining and resolving labor-management disputes.

"With the appointment of Linda Puchala, the Obama Administration has demonstrated its belief in the importance of a fair and balanced collective bargaining process. And the Administration has reaffirmed its support for a worker's right to freely form and join unions.

"We urge the Senate to move swiftly and confirm this nominee to this vitally important labor-management agency."

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The Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, represents 32 member unions in the aviation, rail, transit, trucking, highway, longshore, maritime and related industries. For more information, visit www.ttd.org.

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