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Loss of Senator Kennedy is Profound, But His Legacy Will Live On

WASHINGTON, DC – Edward Wytkind, president of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), issued the following statement following Senator Edward M. Kennedy's death:

"We've lost a friend and a fighter for workers everywhere with the passing of Senator Kennedy. He was at the center of so many legislative initiatives to make jobs safer and more secure and to empower workers to pursue their dreams through strong unions and collective bargaining.

"Senator Kennedy was Congress's moral compass regarding issues affecting working Americans. It was his vision and tenacity as a Senator and national leader that propelled millions of Americans to middle-class jobs and lives.

"We mourn Senator Kennedy's passing, yet we are inspired by his strength, spirit and legacy of achievement that will live on for generations."

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