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## TTD Supports Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act

*Washington, DC – Edward Wytkind, president of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), issued this statement in support of the Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act:*

“We applaud Reps. Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Nita Lowey (D-NY) and Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ) for introducing legislation that gives our nation’s hardworking Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) the workplace rights and protections they deserve.

“Every day, our nation’s 45,000 TSOs play a critical role in keeping our nation’s transportation system safe from security threats. Yet, because of a loophole in federal law, these men and women lack the basic protections afforded to other federal employees. The legislation introduced today will right these wrongs and bring much-needed reforms to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) that will boost employee morale and retention rates and improve the agency’s ability to protect us from security threats.

“As Congress debates reauthorization of the TSA, lawmakers must stand up for our nation’s transportation security officers who play an indispensable role in keeping our country safe. We urge passage of this legislation.”

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