

NTEU TSA UPDATE

News and Information for TSA Officers

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Key Win at ORD

At Chapter 331 (TSA Chicago), NTEU assisted a member who was denied a security clearance by the Department of Homeland Security over information the officer included in filling out a SF 86, a background investigation form used for federal employees in sensitive positions.

NTEU helped the member file a successful appeal and the officer's security clearance was accepted.

Get tips on how to properly fill out a SF 86.

Victory in Houston

At Houston George Bush Airport, NTEU succeeded in significantly reducing an officer's proposed suspension stemming from an alleged dispute with a passenger.

NTEU is assisting the officer in an attempt to further reduce the discipline at the peer review level.

Read other NTEU representation victories.

Share this TSA Update with your co-workers.

NTEU to Congress: Sign Pistole Letter on Employee Rights

President Colleen M. Kelley has urged a number of key House members to sign on to a **letter** asking TSA Administrator John Pistole to quickly review current agency policies and strongly consider granting comprehensive workplace rights to employees.



President Colleen M. Kelley, left, and Rep. Nita Lowey.

Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, and Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.), sponsor of **H.R. 1881**, legislation that would provide TSA employees with collective bargaining rights, are asking other co-sponsors of the bill to sign a letter to Pistole emphasizing the importance to the traveling public of providing

TSA Officers with the rights that will ensure a professional, experienced workforce.

"We have consistently made the point that collective bargaining rights in TSA are not a threat to the public," Kelley said.

Workplace Health, Safety Risks a Concern

TSA Officers nationwide face a range of serious—and avoidable—workplace health and safety risks, including overexposure to emissions from forklifts and cargo tugs, to potentially excessive radiation exposure, NTEU told a key House subcommittee this week.

In a hearing of the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, NTEU also raised concerns about officers' continued difficulty obtaining workers' compensation benefits when injured on the job and necessary sick leave, as well as baggage screening areas that are too noisy, dirty and hot.



NTEU emphasized in its **testimony** that collective bargaining at TSA would help the agency figure out how to create safe and healthy work areas. "Until TSOs have collective bargaining rights, they will not have their needs met in the safety and health areas," the union said.

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