

NTEU TSA UPDATE

News and Information for TSA Employees from NTEU

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Union Expansion

NTEU Charters Five New Chapters

In recent weeks, NTEU has continued its rapid growth at TSA, chartering five new chapters at six airports nationwide.

The newest NTEU TSA chapters are Chapter 318 (**TSA Tampa**) in Florida; Chapter 319 (**TSA Port Columbus**) in Columbus, Ohio; Chapter 320 (**TSA Midland/Lubbock**) representing TSOs at both Midland International and Lubbock International airports in Texas; Chapter 321 (**TSA Memphis**) in Memphis, Tenn.; and Chapter 322 (**TSA Lambert-St. Louis**) in Missouri.



NTEU Chapter 318 leaders (TSA Tampa) at the chartering of the chapter last month.

These chapters have joined a strong network of NTEU TSA chapters at airports in Atlanta, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Miami, Philadelphia, Orange County, Calif., Dallas and El Paso, Texas, as well as in New York.

NTEU continues to organize at several other airports nationwide and expects to charter additional chapters in the coming weeks.

All NTEU TSA chapters operate with local staff attorneys and labor relations experts to represent TSOs on critical workplace issues, such as promotions, disciplinary actions, shift bidding and scheduling, overtime, performance appraisals and leave issues, as well as disability accommodations and other EEO issues.

For more information, visit www.TSAunion.org.

Legislative Update

NTEU Urges Cosponsors for Critical TSA Legislation

NTEU recently sent a letter to members of the House of Representatives urging them to cosponsor a key measure that would provide TSOs with collective bargaining rights for the first time.

Swine Flu Update

On May 14, President Kelley will testify at a hearing of the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce that is examining the response of federal agencies to the recent swine flu outbreak, particularly agency efforts to protect frontline homeland security employees from infection.

NTEU has worked tirelessly to secure the right for front-line DHS employees to don protective masks if they so choose.

Visit www.TSAunion.org to read the latest news and information about NTEU's efforts to protect the health and safety of frontline homeland security employees.

H.R. 1881, the Transportation Security Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009, would formally amend the 2001 law that created TSA to provide TSOs with civil service protections under Title 5, including collective bargaining rights, and would move them onto the General Schedule (GS), effectively putting the brakes on PASS, the agency's current failed pay-for-performance personnel system.

"TSA employees labor under a system that has almost completely demoralized them," NTEU President Colleen M. Kelley said. "H.R. 1881 will help ensure that TSA becomes the best-run airport security agency in the world."

The letter was sent to the nearly 200 members of the House who have cosponsored previous legislation that included collective bargaining provisions for TSOs.

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NTEU is ready and willing to help. If you have questions, call toll free (866) 591-5735 or e-mail TSA@nteu.org.

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