

RESOLUTION #8

IN SUPPORT OF AFGE'S CAMPAIGN TO ORGANIZE TSA EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), AFL-CIO has consistently and successfully worked to organize and represent the federal employees of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) during the entire seven year-plus history of the TSA, in spite of every legal, political and management obstacle; and

WHEREAS, more than 11,000 of the 38,000 federal Transportation Security Officers (TSO's), Behavior Detection Officers (BDO's), Lead TSO's and Supervisory TSO's are already dues-paying members of AFGE, thereby showing their support of AFGE as their union; and

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO consistently supported AFGE's efforts to organize TSA during the whole tenure of the Bush Administration, and State Federations and Central Labor Councils have supported AFGE with timely resolutions and petitions in favor of collective bargaining rights and against contracting out federal screening functions; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2007 AFL-CIO President Sweeney reported that the Strategic Campaign Registration Program Oversight Panel had granted AFGE's TSA Registration Request for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, with the ascension of a more pro-labor Administration in Washington, D.C., a legal framework for collective bargaining for TSA employees now exists; and

WHEREAS, the election of AFGE as the exclusive representative of all eligible TSA federal employees would be a significant victory for union rights on the job for all working people in this country; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO will ask the AFL-CIO to reaffirm its support for AFGE's TSA campaign as a strategic campaign and expresses its support for AFGE in its efforts to become the exclusive representative of all eligible employees of the Transportation Security Administration nationwide; and calls upon all of labor to grant all material and moral support to the AFGE campaign for recognition at TSA; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO will ask the AFL-CIO to urge the TSA Administrator to take immediate internal administrative and executive action to rescind the agency's ban so as to grant restored civil employee rights, protections, and collective bargaining rights to eligible TSO's and TSA employees; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO will call upon the Governor of the State of Maryland; Mayor for the District of Columbia; U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives for Maryland and District of Columbia to support legislation to permanently grant collective bargaining rights and workplace protections to TSO's and be it further

RESOLVED that the President of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO will transmit a copy of this resolution to all relevant parties to convey the strong support for AFGE's campaign to organize TSA's.

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