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TSO Solidarity Statement

As leaders in this community, we strongly endorse your efforts to form a union with the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE). Not only do unions help workers win better wages and benefits, they raise living standards in the communities in which workers live. We also believe the entire community benefits when those who labor every day protecting our security have the ability to speak out when something is wrong and have the justice and dignity that comes with union representation.

An injustice was committed eight years ago when the Bush Administration denied Transportation Security Officers the right to collective bargaining. We commend the Obama Administration for changing this policy. Now it is up to you to take advantage of this new opportunity and vote in the upcoming election, and thereby exercise your rights to organize a union and bargain collectively. By forming a union you can have a real voice on the job and the security that comes with a union contract.

We applaud the American Federation of Government Employees, which has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with you since the TSA was created, defending your rights on the job and fighting to improve working conditions. Thousands of you and your co-workers have already joined the AFGE. Now every TSO in the nation has the opportunity to win a voice at work and the respect you deserve by voting for AFGE representation in the upcoming election.

Transportation Security Officers are the front line of homeland security. Just as you work hard every day to protect us, and everyone who utilizes our nation's airlines, we will support you in your struggle for justice on the job.

Sincerely,

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