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Union Busting is Disgusting CBTU Statement on Ending Collective Bargaining Rights for TSA Officers

On Friday, March 7th, the Trump administration under the orders of the Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristie Noem, terminated the collective bargaining rights of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers. In another act of anti-worker disdain this administration has stripped the right to join a union from thousands of workers tasked with providing security for our nation's airports. Once again, we find this administration anti-worker, anti-working people, and opposed to any voice that is subservient to them.

Using pathetic reasoning like workers took sick time and that "bad employees" couldn't be fired, the Department of Homeland Security terminated the contract and rights of the people charged with ensuring another 9/11 never happens again. TSA officers can no longer challenge arbitrary rules, have no voice in their health insurance or retirement plans, no ability to fight for wages that recruit and retain professionals, and no say in operations that could enhance protections for airports and screening. The frontline people who are meant to keep this country safe are now being treated like disposable cogs who should work without a voice and have no investment in the betterment of their profession.

Union busting is disgusting. A government that is anti-worker and anti-working people is truly authoritarian as their deeds contradict the needs of the citizens that elected them. A government that looks to cut worker protections, worker safety, and now worker unions is a government opposed to its citizens.

CBTU stands with the TSA officers and their union the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) in this most recent fight for worker rights. We support the right for all people to join a union free of harassment and retaliation by all employers – the government included. AFGE is one of our strongest unions in the country and their members have this country functioning regardless of administration or political party. We need a government of the people for the people – not a nation ruled by the 1% for the 1%.

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