Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable David P. Cummins
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Transportation Security Administration
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Administrator Cummins,

We write to request that you immediately reverse your decision to remove chairs for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Officers working at travel document checker stations around the country.

Transportation Security Officers, or TSOs, have an incredibly important job. They are the first line of defense in keeping Americans and their families safe during air travel. There is no legitimate reason for TSOs to be unreasonably forced to stand for the entirety of their shifts at travel document checker stations. Since October of last year, officers at TSA have been forced to work 88 days without being paid on-time. They have had to fight in court to protect their collective bargaining agreement from being unilaterally canceled, and are now being told that they are not allowed to sit down while they perform their duties at checker stations. It is abundantly clear that these changes are intended to try to push officers out of their jobs with TSA, not to keep the American people safe or improve service.

This is about more than chairs. This is about the respect that every person in the United States deserves at work and on the job. American workers are tired of being treated as expendable. They are tired of having their means of providing for themselves and their families dangled over their heads like it is something they don't work to earn every time they clock in for their shift.

As our nation continues to mourn the 25th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, the deadliest terrorist attacks in the history of our country, the federal government should not be taking steps to push TSA Officers out of work and weaken the agency.

We ask that you immediately reverse this decision and return the chairs to TSA Officers working at travel document checker stations at airports across the country. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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