

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

June 4, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
1790 Ash Street SE
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

We write to express our serious concern over President Trump's reckless decision earlier this year to terminate the employment of hundreds of hardworking Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees. We are deeply troubled about the false justifications used for these meritless firings, and how, in the wake of Real ID requirements going into effect, this significant loss of staff is impacting the safety of Nevadans, our nation's security, and the critical work performed at our airports.

TSA was created in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and is charged with protecting the U.S. transportation systems, with a primary focus on airport security. In 2024, TSA screened 904 million passengers, which was a record high and a five percent increase over the number of passengers screened in 2023. In Nevada, Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) saw over 58 million passengers in 2024, the most in its history. The day after Super Bowl LVIII, TSA set a new record at LAS with 104,000 travelers screened at five security checkpoints in one day. As the world's premier sports and entertainment destination with growing and record-setting visitation numbers, Nevada relies on the essential work of TSA agents to keep our airports and cities safe. Thus, it is critical that the dedicated professionals at TSA who ensure the security of our transportation system every day are adequately supported.

Moreover, we vehemently object to the Department of Homeland Security's misguided decision in March to end the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) for tens of thousands of frontline TSA employees. The since-terminated, seven-year CBA was signed at a time when TSA employees' pay lagged behind other government employees and the agency struggled with retention. We are deeply concerned that these ill-advised actions, coupled with the terminations, will further stretch TSA's workforce capacity and undermine their ability to effectively secure our airports and keep Americans safe.

For these reasons, we request that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provide the following information so the public may understand the impacts to their communities:

- The number of employees terminated from TSA located in Nevada;
- A description of the positions and responsibilities of each terminated employee;

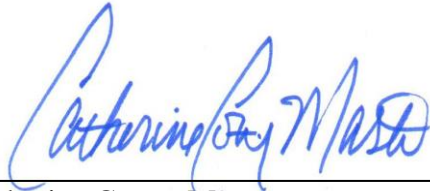
- A list and description of the projects to which each terminated employee was assigned;
- The impact that Real ID requirements is having on TSA staffing needs; and
- A description of what information the terminated employees were provided, including if they were provided with the legally required notice under 5 CFR § 315.803(b) or Reductions in Force regulations.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Jacky Rosen
United States Senator



Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator