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The Dismantling of Labor Unions in the US



Homeland Security Tells TSA Agents It Will no longer honor their bargaining agreement

The Department of Homeland Security said it would no longer honor a bargaining agreement with the union representing airport security agents, the latest Trump administration move aiming to weaken labor unions representing federal workers.

The department said the move is meant to remove “bureaucratic hurdles that will strengthen workforce agility, enhance productivity and resiliency, while also jump-starting innovation.” It will also push TSA employees who work full time on union matters to transition back to being security officers.

The move is a violation of the law, said Johnny Jones, secretary-treasurer for the American Federation of Government Employees TSA Council 100. The union represents more than 40,000 TSA workers. Union-represented transportation security officers and the agency signed a new labor contract last year that was set to run through 2031.

The department’s move could add uncertainty within a labor force tasked with securing the nation’s transportation system. “Nobody wants to work in a place where you have no rights or workplace protections,” said Jones, a 22-year TSA employee.

Union and government officials have said TSA has experienced high employee turnover, in part, because of lower pay levels.

Project 2025, a government policy road map developed by the conservative think tank Heritage Foundation, recommended that the TSA be privatized.