

## Our TSA Officers Need Your Support!

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

These AFGE members serve our community in vital roles at our airports across the state. In the past 5 months, these officers have been through **(3)** government shutdowns. Today is the 20th day of this DHS shutdown, and this situation is becoming more dire every day. Currently, they have received a partial paycheck with full allotments (health insurance, taxes, retirement) taken out, leaving these officers with close to nothing to feed their families or pay their bills. If this continues without a resolution, their next pay will be zero. Most of these officers are still trying to recover from the longest government shutdown in history, **43** days. Our TSA officers didn't see a paycheck for almost 50 days. Could you imagine working for free and not being able to feed your kids or put gas in your car to get to work? Many officers must resort to other part-time jobs just to try to survive.

These dedicated officers deserve to be paid for the vital work they do every day for the American people. This stress and uncertainty for these officers is unacceptable, and they deserve better. What they currently need is for our elected representatives to agree on a deal and pay our federal workers who are either furloughed or working without a paycheck. (TSA, FEMA & Coast Guard, and other DHS employees). As you know, monthly bills do not stop just because you are not getting paid. They still have mortgages, rent, utility bills, and food to pay for during these shutdowns.

Collectively, I think we can make a difference for these officers and their families. Their immediate need is donated gift cards for food and/or gas. TSA management is not cooperating and is not sympathetic to our officers' needs or struggles. But that is typical, especially in an anti-union political environment. If anyone wants to donate anything to TSA officers across the state, please reach out to me.

Thank You,

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