

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 11, 2019

The Honorable David Pekoske  
Administrator  
Transportation Security Administration  
601 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Arlington, VA 20598-6001

Dear Administrator Pekoske:

We write with continued concern for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) workforce, which is working to protect our nation's security without pay during the government shutdown. Today marks TSA employees' first missed paycheck, and many of them will struggle to meet their financial obligations as a result. This jeopardizes not only the financial well-being of these hard-working individuals and their families, but could also ultimately threaten our nation's aviation security.

As we search for ways to ease the burden on the TSA workforce, it is imperative we understand how TSA uses the portion of Passenger Security Fee receipts it receives and if TSA can use these funds to provide financial relief for frontline officers during a lapse in appropriations. To that end, we request that you brief us on these issues as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Northrop, Oversight Director for the Committee on Homeland Security, at 202-226-2616, or Mohsin Syed, Chief Counsel for the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, at 202-225-4472.

Sincerely,



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