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## **TSA Screeners' Union Stands with Public Servants**

*AFGE Local 899 joins federal workers across the country protesting President Trump's 'democracy busting' Executive Orders*

**[MSP Airport, MN]** – As oral arguments are underway in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia over President Trump's illegal executive orders, AFGE Local 899, representing Transportation Security Administration (TSA) airport security screeners in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, stands in solidarity to protest the President's attempt to undermine the apolitical civil service system.

AFGE has been leading the fight against President Trump's illegal executive orders. AFGE's lawsuit, *AFGE v. Trump*, was filed within a week of the executive orders being issued and has been joined by over a dozen major national unions. July 25 was chosen as a National Day of Action by AFGE activists because it is the same day as oral arguments in *AFGE v. Trump*.

"Today, we are proud to stand with our union brothers and sisters across the country by rallying, protesting, wearing red, and Tweeting about the President's attempt to dismantle democracy," said AFGE Local 899 President Celia Hahn. "The campaign #RedForFeds is for all 2.1 million federal working people to come together and unite against these democracy busting executive orders that punish workers the President deems disloyal to his administration," added Ms. Hahn.

On Friday, May 25, President Trump signed three executive orders. The first two chip away at due process and collective bargaining rights for federal employees, and the third executive order, which impedes employee representation at the job site, is the focus of the [lawsuit filed less than a week later](#).

The American Federation of Government Employees – the country's largest federal union – [immediately called](#) the orders "a direct assault on the legal rights and protections that Congress has specifically guaranteed to the 2 million public-sector employees across the country who work for the federal government."

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and other unions have since joined AFGE's lawsuit – which has also received support from [Congressional lawmakers in an amicus brief](#) and [bipartisan letter from 132 members of Congress](#).

"President Trump thinks he can run roughshod over the men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving the American public, but he is in for a rude awakening," said Ms. Hahn. "Every day, we come into work to protect airline passenger security at airports in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, and we're going to keep fighting to ensure all working people here have a voice and keep their rights when they walk in the door."

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*The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) is the largest federal employee union, representing 700,000 workers in federal government and in the District of Columbia.*