

# NTEU Our Voice in Congress

## NTEU TSA Leaders Spend Three Days on Capitol Hill

I recently had the opportunity to attend the NTEU 2010 Legislative Conference in Washington DC.

I spent three days on Capitol Hill with fellow NTEU TSA leaders from around the country. We received unprecedented access to members of Congress to lobby their support for full collective bargaining at TSA. Joining us at the conference were hundreds of other NTEU members from agencies across government who took up the call in support of our rights as if it was their own.

In several meetings with lawmakers and key House and Senate committee staff members, I spoke up in favor of NTEU's longstanding effort to improve the TSA workplace through collective bargaining. We outlined how collective bargaining rights would allow TSA to become the world-class transportation protection agency it was meant to be. Our meetings with staff members of both the House and Senate Homeland Security Committees were a great chance to speak openly to those who can make a real difference in our work lives.



*Rep. Lowey, center, is a strong supporter of collective bargaining rights for TSA Officers and took the time to meet with us after addressing the NTEU Legislative Conference.*



*Not only was I able to spend time with President Kelley, right, I also attended a press conference.*

I even had the chance to meet with NTEU President Colleen M. Kelley and Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.), who both spoke passionately about why we need collective bargaining at TSA. Rep. Lowey is the author of H.R. 1881, the bill to provide TSA Officers with full collective bargaining rights.

My experience in Washington, D.C., inspired me to redouble my efforts on behalf of all of you who work so hard to protect our skies. I would be happy to tell you more, as well as what you could do to help NTEU achieve fairness at TSA.

I know that with NTEU behind us we will be successful in improving our working conditions and our agency.

Sincerely,  
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