## UNITES STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

FIRSTLINE TRANSPORATION SECURITY, INC.

Employer -

and

Case 17-RC-12354

INTERNATIONAL UNION, SECURITY POLICE and FIRE PROFESSIONAL : OF AMERICA (SPFPA)

Petitioner.

## CLARIFICATION TO STATEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

On August 4, 2005, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security submitted its statement to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) regarding "whether the [NLRB] has jurisdiction over privately employed airport security screeners and, if so, whether the [NLRB] should exercise that jurisdiction." TSA hereby supplements its earlier statement to the Board.

TSA reiterates the statutory bar to mandatory collective bargaining for federal employees in Section 111(d) of the Aviation Transportation and Security Act (ATSA) of 2001, P.L. 107-71, 115
Stat. 597, codified at 49 U.S.C. § 44935 Note. By its plain and unambiguous terms, Section 111(d) applies to TSA screeners employed in the Federal service.

TSA wishes to call to the Board's attention Section 108 the ATSA, which amended Chapter 449 of Title 49 of the U.S. Code. The amendment included two provisions that relate to privately employed security screeners, 49 U.S.C. § 44919(f), for Pilot Program airports, and 44920(c), for "opt-out" airports, both of which require that a private screening company "only employ individuals

to provide such services who meet all the requirements of this chapter applicable to Federal Government personnel who perform screening services at airports".

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