

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

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The Honorable Kip Hawley  
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Transportation Security Administration  
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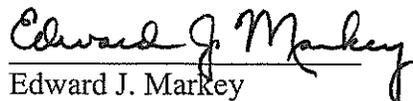
Dear Administrator Hawley:

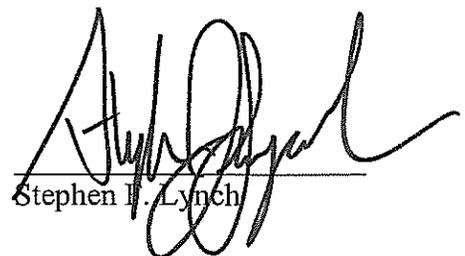
As the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) assesses the operational issues associated with a requirement to screen all airport employees, we are writing to request that you consult closely with the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), which last summer conducted an employee screening process at Logan Airport. In the event that pilot programs are established to further test airport employee screening, we encourage you to consider Boston's Logan Airport as a pilot site, due to Logan's recent work in this important area. Failure to screen all airport employees leaves open a dangerous loophole that terrorists or criminals can exploit, and lessons and insights gained by Massport through its experiences with employee screening can inform TSA's efforts.

We believe that all employees working at the airport should be screened each time they enter sensitive security areas of the airport, just as all passengers, pilots and flight attendants are currently screened. As you know, employee screening processes are in place at some airports, including Miami, and at certain airports, TSA officers conduct random employee screenings at some employee entrances. The need to expand screening to every employee was reinforced in March after baggage handlers in Orlando attempted to smuggling a duffel bag full of guns and drugs onto an airplane.

As TSA takes additional steps to expand and improve airport employee screening policies and procedures, and Congress considers legislation to mandate 100 percent employee screening, we encourage the agency to leverage the expertise of Massport officials at Logan Airport. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
Edward J. Markey

  
Stephen J. Lynch