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LAWMAKERS COME TO THE DEFENSE OF TULSI GABBARD

HONOLULU, HI— Hawaii lawmakers have sent the following letter to The Honorable David P. Pekoske, Director of the Transportation Security Administration, regarding the enrollment of Tulsi Gabbard in the TSA's Quiet Skies Program, a suspected terrorist watchlist.

August 11, 2024

The Honorable David P. Pekoske
Director, Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
Washington, D.C.

Aloha Director Pekoske,

It has rather shockingly come to our attention that your agency has put one of our former Hawaii State House colleagues, one of Hawaii's "favorite daughters", former Congresswoman, former Presidential Candidate, and combat veteran on your TSA terrorist watch list!

We understand that you are harassing her with your Air Marshalls from flight to flight including her husband.

Sir, please remember this is the United States of America and you have not even stated why such a dastardly label has been attached to and besmirched her good name.

As members of the Hawaii State House of Representatives listed below, we strongly urge you to immediately withdraw her name from the Quiet Skies program and/or provide full public transparency of the TSA's reasons for maligning her name and reputation.

How can your Agency assume you have the power to put a Congresswoman on your Terrorist Watch List and not explain yourself?

The people of Hawaii love Tulsi and your actions have offended us for your attempt to ruin her reputation without explanation. Again, as leaders in the State of Hawaii, we remind you that this is not China or Russia and our government is not to overstep the boundaries that have been set by our US Constitution nor should ever attempt to weaponize its regulatory powers.

You have embarrassed the State of Hawaii in our eyes, and we plead with you to clarify this without hesitation.

Sincerely,

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