

# Proposal for Airport Security Escorts for Threatened Lawmakers Blocked in Congress

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A legislative proposal, championed by Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), to provide special security escorts at airports for lawmakers, judges, and Cabinet members facing credible threats was blocked from inclusion in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization.

Representative Bennie Thompson (Miss.), a senior Democrat on the House Homeland Security Committee, raised objections, influenced by opposition from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and other key figures.

The proposal aimed to align the security procedures for these officials with those afforded to senior administration officials and other high-profile individuals. Critics, including Senator Gary Peters (D-Mich.) and Kevin Murphy of the Airport Law Enforcement Agencies Network, argued that the measure could burden airport security operations and set a problematic precedent by exempting certain officials from standard security screenings.

The proposal was initially added to the FAA reauthorization bill but was later removed, leading to a temporary extension of the FAA's authority as Congress seeks a long-term solution.

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