

Resolution # 8

Supporting the Vital Role of Political Action and COPE

WHEREAS, political engagement across all levels of government – local, state, and federal – is central to the TWU’s overall strategy for success; and

WHEREAS, the TWU’s political activities are comprehensive and targeted, focusing on specific goals in the legislative, regulatory, and election processes. We advocate for and promote pro-worker legislation in the U.S. Congress, state legislatures, and city governments nationwide. We actively support pro-worker candidates at all levels. All of these efforts are backed by or enacted through our strong Government Affairs and Committee on Public Education programs; and

WHEREAS, the TWU’s overall approach is bipartisan. We take stands on issues and are not loyal to any political party. We are building alliances with individuals from both major parties; and

WHEREAS, since our last Convention in 2021, the union’s strong support of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has resulted in billions of dollars flowing to all Divisions, including federal aid to Amtrak, public transportation, and airline-related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the TWU’s ‘Assault Won’t Fly’ campaign for our Flight Attendants has drawn national attention to the dangerous, and sadly frequent, incidents of violence and harassment faced by airline crews during flights. It strengthened our efforts for greater involvement by the federal government, and we made progress on the safety front in the 2024 Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization bill; and

WHEREAS, the TWU’s campaign to protect aircraft maintenance technicians against the export of their work to overseas bases resulted in several significant outcomes regarding safety and inspection standards at foreign repair stations; and

WHEREAS, the TWU has also done an excellent job in expanding the union’s state conferences’ activities across the country, to fight for important regional legislative goals and to improve the union’s lobbying activities in Congressional home territories; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The delegates to the 27th Constitutional Convention will continue to support the effective strategy of bipartisanship to move forward with our agenda, including advancing the economic security and livelihoods of all members and their families, and enhancing on-the-job safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This delegation pledges to urge more members to participate in COPE and assist in Government Affairs programs, including making voluntary contributions to the committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This convention calls upon local leaders to become deeply involved in the state conferences and coordinate all local political action with the International for maximum success; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That the Transport Workers Union of America will continue to be the leading force on worker-centric transportation issues and strengthen even further our robust programs utilizing member participation and strategic campaigns to achieve our goals pertaining to the Air, Rail, and Transit Divisions.