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H. R. 8049

To prohibit preferential screening for Members of Congress at airports, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2026

Mrs. HINSON (for herself and Mrs. HARSHBARGER) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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at airports, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “End Special Treatment
5 for Congress at Airports Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
9 trator” means the Administrator of the Transpor-
10 tation Security Administration.

1 (2) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Mem-
2 ber of Congress” has the meaning given that term
3 in section 13101 of title 5, United States Code.

4 (3) SCREENING LOCATION.—The term “screen-
5 ing location” has the meaning given that term in
6 section 1540.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
7 tions.

8 (4) TRUSTED TRAVELER PROGRAM.—The term
9 “Trusted Traveler Program” means any of the fol-
10 lowing:

11 (A) Global Entry.

12 (B) The PreCheck Program.

13 (C) SENTRI.

14 (D) NEXUS.

15 (E) Any other United States Government
16 program that issues a unique identifier, such as
17 a known traveler number, that the Transpor-
18 tation Security Administration accepts as vali-
19 dating that the individual holding such identi-
20 fier is a member of a known low-risk popu-
21 lation.

22 (F) Any other program implemented by
23 the Transportation Security Administration
24 under section 109(a)(3) of the Aviation and

1 Transportation Security Act (49 U.S.C. 114
2 note; Public Law 107–71).

3 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT FOR STANDARD SECURITY SCREEN-**
4 **ING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appropriated
6 or otherwise made available to the Transportation Secu-
7 rity Administration shall be used to provide or facilitate
8 the provision of a Member of Congress with expedited or
9 preferential access to or through security screenings re-
10 quired pursuant to section 44901 of title 49, United
11 States Code.

12 (b) NO EXPEDITED ACCESS.—A Member of Congress
13 shall not—

14 (1) be exempt from Federal passenger and bag-
15 gage screening procedures of the Transportation Se-
16 curity Administration; or

17 (2) receive priority or expedited access to a
18 screening location on the basis of the official position
19 of such Member of Congress.

20 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

21 Nothing in this Act shall be construed—

22 (1) to limit the authority of the Transportation
23 Security Administration to implement risk-based se-
24 curity programs available to the general public; or

1 (2) to prohibit Members of Congress from par-
2 ticipating in a publicly available Trusted Traveler
3 Program, provided such participation is not based
4 on the official positions of such Members of Con-
5 gress.

6 **SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT.**

7 (a) **POLICY IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Administrator
8 shall update policies and procedures as necessary to en-
9 sure compliance with this Act.

10 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
12 mit to Congress a report on the implementation of, and
13 compliance with, this Act.

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