Resolution to Call for Rejection of Trump Nomination of FedEx Vice President Scott Mugno to Serve as Chief of OSHA

Whereas, the protection of health and safety of workers in the United States is not only critical to the lives of workers but to the health and safety of the public; and

Whereas, President Trump has nominated Scott Mugno, who is in charge of FedEx ground health and safety; and

Whereas, FedEx has had a high number of deaths on the job due to the failure to enforce health and safety protections and to investigate violations of OSHA rules; and

Whereas, in the 24-month period prior to December 3, 2017, FedEx Express drivers were reported to have been involved in 1,762 crashes, 575 involving injuries, including 41 deaths. From 2012, the number of crashes has increased by 254.5%; the number of injuries has increased by 192%; and the number of fatalities has increased by 273%; and

Whereas, Scott Mugno has also supported further deregulation of trucking as a lobbyist for the American Trucking Association ATA and increasing the size of trucks on the roads leading to more dangers to workers and the public; and

Whereas, FedEx whistleblower mechanics at LAX have been bullied and Brian Grizalski mechanic was fired. FedEx Ground Health and Safety officer Gary Brent was bullied and fired for trying to enforce health and safety rules. FedEx Memphis worker Guy Cobb, who exposed serious potential problems in an earthquake, was also targeted personally by Scott Mugno; and

Whereas this record of systemic violations of health and safety protections by Scott Mugno not only disqualify him to serve as chief of OSHA; and

Whereas, when Federal OSHA Whistleblower Protection Program investigator and lawyer Darrell Whitman tried to investigate retaliation against FedEx whistleblowers and to protect them with a merit determination, he as well as other lawyers at WPP were bullied by OSHA management and terminated,

Therefore be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council calls for the rejection of the nomination of FedEx VP Scott Mugno and urges all affiliated bodies and US Senate representatives to vote against his nomination.
Respectfully submitted by Kathy Setian, IFPTE 20; Alan Benjamin, OPEIU 29; Brenda Barros, SEIU 1021, Rodger Scott, AFT 2121; and Allan Fisher, AFT 2121, and unanimously adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on February 12, 2018.

Respectfully,

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