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## Congress Needs to Finish the Year Right.

As the 117<sup>th</sup> Congressional session nears its closure, two critical labor priorities must be addressed; the reauthorization of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and fully funding the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

For nearly all of 2022, [our union has been demanding TAA both be made permanent and enhanced. \(usw.to/46t\)](#) We have made thousands of calls and emails to tell our stories and highlight the need, but Congress has failed to act. Since it's expiration at the end of June, nearly 40,000 workers have been without benefits. TAA is a vital safety net for workers who, through no fault of their own, have been abandoned by the greedy corporations they helped build due to unfair trade policies.

It is unacceptable.

In addition, the [NLRB lacks adequate funding to do its job. \(usw.to/4bg\)](#) This means there are delays conducting hearings and elections, investigating unfair labor practices charges, settling and litigating cases, and obtaining full and prompt remedies when employers violate workers' rights. ***It means our members suffer.***

Unlike other worker protection agencies, the NLRB has not received a budgetary increase in nearly ten years. With inflation, this amounts to a 25% budget decrease. The agency's staffing level has fallen well behind the growth in the national private-sector workforce. Between 2006 and 2019, the number of full-time NLRB employees dropped by nearly 31%.

We cannot let this session close without securing these two vital worker protections – Congress needs to act now.



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**Tell them who you are, where you are from,  
and that they must reauthorize TAA and fund the NLRB.**