

Lori Chavez-DeRemer Labor Record in 118th Congress

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As a member of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and Education & Workforce committee, Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer works daily with labor unions on important issues ranging from apprenticeships, fair wages, safety, etc. Lori Chavez-DeRemer is also member of the Building Trades Caucus in Congress. A select group of members of Congress that consist of an even number of Republicans and Democrats.

Below are bills, letters, committee votes, and floor votes, Chavez-DeRemer has taken to support labor unions.

Bills and Amendments Cosponsored

- Cosponsored H.R. 1716 Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act, which would establish a global safety standard for American aircraft repairs and removes the incentive to offshore aircraft maintenance jobs. (Airline mechanics unions...TWU, Machinists and Teamsters)
- Cosponsored H.R. 82 Social Security Fairness Act of 2023 to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions. (State and local public sector unions)
- Cosponsored H.R. 2851 National Apprenticeship Act of 2023, which would protect existing apprenticeship programs, youth apprenticeship, and pre-apprenticeship opportunities over the next five years by investing more than \$3.8 billion over five years. (Building trades unions)
- Cosponsored H.R. 957 Public Safety Healthcare Retirees Act, which would increase the pre-tax distribution public safety officers can use from their pension plan. (Police and FF unions)
- Cosponsored H.R. 1323 LEO Fair Retirement Act, which ensure federal police and first responders are paid the full compensation they have earned. (Federal police and FF unions)
- Cosponsored H.R. 1719 Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act, which would expand access to federal support for the families of firefighters and first responders who pass away from cancer caused by carcinogenic exposure during their service. (FF and other first responder unions)
- Cosponsored H.R. 2785 REEF Act, which would permanently exempt payments made from the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Account from sequestration. (Railroad unions)
- Cosponsored H.R. 2879 National Center of Aviation Act, which would establish the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation (NCAA) would serve as a national, independent forum for collaboration across all sectors of aviation and aerospace industries and the military. (Aviation unions)

- Cosponsored H.R. 3679 Healthy Air Travel Act, which would establish an interagency task force comprising the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to devise and implement a plan to identify and advance research on communicable diseases in air travel. (Airlines unions)
- Cosponsored H.R. 2394 Protection from Abusive Passenger Act, which would protect airline crew members, security screening personnel, and passengers by banning abusive passengers from commercial aircraft flights. (Flight attendant and passenger service personnel unions)
- Original Cosponsor and led H.R. 3577 Air Pump Act, which would require the FAA to set standards to expand access to accommodations for flight crews to safely pump breast milk aboard aircraft during work breaks. (Flight attendants)
- Cosponsored H.R. 744 Supporting the Mental Health of Educators and Staff Act, which would address behavioral health and well-being among education professionals and other school staff. (Teachers)
- Cosponsored H.R. 1322 Law Enforcement Officers Equity Act, which guarantees that police officers across the federal government receive their full retirement benefits. (Federal police unions)
- Cosponsored H.Res. 277 supporting the United States Postal Service taking all appropriate measures to restore service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012. (Postal unions)
- Cosponsored the following amendments on the House floor to H.R. 3935, the FAA Reauthorization bill.
 1. Strike the provision that raised the mandatory retirement age for commercial airline pilots from 65 to 67. Such a change would cost the airlines more money and potentially cause worse scheduling delays. (Pilot unions)
 2. Include the Protection from Abusive Passengers Act, which would direct the FAA to set up a No-Fly list for passengers who abuse airline workers, both in the terminal and aboard aircraft when flying. (See above on cosponsoring the free-standing bill prior). (Flight attendant and passenger service personnel unions)
 3. Include the Healthy Air Travel Act, which would establish an interagency task force comprising the FAA, DHS and HHS to devise and implement a plan to identify and advance research on communicable diseases in air travel (See above on cosponsoring the free-standing bill prior). (Airline unions)
 4. Include the Air Pump Act, H.R. 3577, which would require the FAA to set standards for accommodations for flight crews to safely pump breast milk aboard aircraft during work breaks. (See above on cosponsoring the free-standing bill prior). (Flight attendant unions)
 5. Include language to require safety training for airport ramp workers. (Passenger service personnel unions)

6. Include language to allow the use of 529 education saving plans for education at FAA certified commercial pilot and aviation maintenance technician schools. (Pilot and mechanic unions)
 7. Include language that requires the FAA to develop and publish safety training materials for airport ground crew workers to help prevent accidents involving aircraft engine ingestion and jet blast hazards. (Mechanic and ramp/baggage handler unions)
- Cosponsored H.R. 5169 Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act, which will permanently increase federal firefighter pay and will open the door for additional pay and benefit improvements. (Federal FF unions)
 - Cosponsored H.R. 1293 Cabin Air Safety Act, which would improve the safety of the air supply on aircraft. (Flight attendant unions and activist passenger coalitions)
 - Cosponsored H.R. 1674 Railway Safety Act, which would enhance safety requirements for trains transporting hazardous materials including 2-person crew requirement. (Railroad unions)
 - Cosponsored H.R. 3539, which would provide for collective bargaining rights for public safety officers and first responders working for states, counties and municipalities. (Police, FF and other first responder unions)
 - Cosponsored H.R.4021 Fair and Open Skies Act, which would ensure that authorizations issued by the Secretary of Transportation to foreign air carriers do not undermine labor standards. (Airline unions)
 - Cosponsored H.R. 4906 Protecting VA Employees Act to ensure that certain employees of the VA are subject to the same removal, demotion, and suspension policies as other employees of the Federal Government. (AFGE)
 - Cosponsored H.R. 4963 Tax Fairness for Workers Act, which allow workers an above-the-line deduction for union dues and expenses. (All unions)

Letters:

- Signed onto Garbarino FY 2024 Homeland Security Appropriations Letter Subcommittee in support of the TSA pay in the President's budget request and consistent with efforts to address hiring and retention needs. (AFGE)
- Signed onto a bipartisan letter to the Teamsters National Officers expressing support for the Teamsters workers in their collective bargaining process with UPS, acknowledging their right to initiate a strike if a fair contract agreement is not reached and committing to not intervene in a legal job action should the Teamsters workers vote to strike. (Teamsters)

- Signed onto a Building Trades Caucus bipartisan letter to Acting Labor Secretary Su encouraging the DOL to take several steps and actions to strengthen registered construction industry apprenticeship programs. (Building trades unions)
- Signed on to a Fitzpatrick/Norcross letter commending the Dept. of Labor for changes to the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rule that would better reflect actual wages to workers in local communities, raise pay standards used by employers and provide for routine updated to prevailing wage rates to ensure workers will be paid fairly.

Votes and Floor Actions:

- Voted against Perry Amendment to H.R. 140, which would have attacked official time by expanding Hatch Act restrictions beyond political activity for federal government workers. (Federal employee unions)
- Voted for Fitzpatrick Amendment to H.R. 5, which would evaluate the costs of bill requirements on school districts. (Teachers)
- Voted against the H.R. 3372 (CARS Act) in T&I committee, which would create a pilot program to increase the allowable weight of trucks from 80,000 pounds to 91,000 pounds. This bill was strongly opposed by the Teamsters and Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO. (Teamsters)
- Voted against a Norman amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023 which would have eliminated “every office” of the Armed Forces and DOD that promoted diversity, equity and inclusion, and would dictate that all personnel of these offices would be “terminated”. (Building trades and federal employee unions)
- In Transportation Committee markup voted against a Perry amendment to the FAA reauthorization legislation would prohibit the consideration of project labor agreements on construction of federal aviation buildings and facilities. (Building trades unions)
- In Transportation Committee markup successfully sponsored a provision in the FAA reauthorization legislation which adds Air Pump Act language to direct the FAA to develop guidelines to allow air carrier employees to express milk on breaks while flying. (Flight attendants)
- In Transportation Committee markup objected to a provision in the FAA reauthorization legislation to place camera recorders in the cockpit of commercial passenger airplanes while pilots are flying the plane. The language was subsequently removed from the legislation. (Pilot unions)

- Voted for a Langworthy amendment to the FAA Reauthorization bill to strike the provision to reduce current required training hours that was passed adopted in Committee returning training hour requirements of actual flying to 1,500 hours for anyone applying for an airline transport certificate with an airplane category and class training. (Pilot unions)
- Voted for a Fitzpatrick amendment to the FAA Reauthorization bill on the House floor to require the FAA to complete a rulemaking requiring airlines to implement a secondary barrier following the issuance of recommendations from an aviation rulemaking committee established in the bill. (Flight attendant and pilot unions)
- Voted against a McClintock amendment to eliminate the authorization for Essential Air Services (EAS) that ensures rural communities are connected to our national air transportation system. (Airline worker unions)
- Voted against a Perry amendment that would delete the updated telework provision in the underlying bill and reinstating 2019 telework policy of the FAA. This would abrogate any broader telework memorandums of understanding and legally binding collective bargaining agreements between the FAA and any federal union. (Federal employee unions)