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Sandy Bill Critical to Storm Ravaged Northeast Transportation Systems

WASHINGTON, DC—Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD) President Edward Wytkind issues this statement on Senate passage of the Hurricane Sandy Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill (H.R.152):

"Thanks to Senate action last night residents and businesses in New York, New Jersey and other parts of the Northeast will soon receive long overdue federal relief from the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. The \$50.5 billion package that cleared the Senate includes significant funds for restoration and improvement of the Northeast passenger and freight transportation system that took a direct hit from the hurricane.

"The storm-ravaged Northeast has waited long enough for this relief. Americans have always come to the aid of fellow Americans who are suffering. It is regrettable that obstructionists in Washington forced the people of New York and New Jersey – and their decimated homes, businesses and transportation systems – to wait this long for emergency aid."

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