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Bradley International Airport Launches Gift Card Collection to Help TSA Officers Amid Partial Government Shutdown

Windsor Locks, CONN – March 27, 2026 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is launching a gift card drive to support the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers at Bradley International Airport (BDL) who continue to work during the current partial government shutdown without pay.

This effort was spearheaded after BDL received various forms of outreach from members of the community who were looking to show their support for TSA officers due to the ongoing financial hardships they are facing. The CAA, and many of its airline partners, have also made donations within federally accepted guidelines to the TSA officers at BDL.

“We thank the TSA officers at Bradley International Airport for the continuous hard work and dedication to our passengers,” said Michael W. Shea, Executive Director and CEO of the CAA. “The TSA is essential in maintaining the safety of air travel and we appreciate their efforts in upholding that safety during this challenging time. We also extend our gratitude to members of the community for their willingness to help in such a meaningful way.”

Donation Guidelines:

What items are needed?

- TSA officers can use gift cards for basic, everyday items for places such as gas stations, grocery stores, and common retailers.
- Gift cards must be in denominations of \$20 and will be distributed to officers by local TSA management at BDL.
- Gift cards with Visa, MasterCard or American Express logo cannot be accepted.

How to make gift card donations?

- Passengers who are traveling can place gift cards in a secured donation box located right after passing through the main security checkpoint, adjacent to the large TSA podium.

About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is New England's second-largest airport. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, Bradley International Airport is ready to welcome you with new nonstops and expanded services. The award-winning airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit www.bradleyairport.com.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy. For more info, visit www.ctairports.org



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