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**Virginia Issues an Emergency Temporary Workplace Standard to Protect Workers from COVID-19: Federal OSHA Must Do the Same**

*AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka on Virginia's overwhelming passage of a COVID-19 emergency temporary standard:*

We commend Virginia for being the first state in the nation to issue a comprehensive standard to protect all workers from COVID-19. The virus continues to pose a grave danger to working people and this strong, enforceable standard requires state employers to improve working conditions through clear, science-based measures, preventing further outbreaks in our communities. Virginia had to step in where the Trump administration has failed woefully to protect workers who are risking our lives and our livelihoods during this pandemic. Workers and our unions will continue to advocate for a federal standard that protects all working people, private and public, no matter where we live.