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Who's Afraid of Tulsi Gabbard?

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Former Democratic congresswoman and anti-warmonger gadfly Tulsi Gabbard is no terrorist. Yet, the government is treating her like one.

Last November, UncoverDC <u>related</u> the testimony of retired Air Marshal Sonya LaBosco, now executive director of the Air Marshal National Council, which works on behalf of Air Marshals.

LaBosco <u>says</u> that instead of tracking genuine threats, the TSA surveillance programs like Quiet Skies are focusing on political targets, such as those who entered the capitol (or just the capital) on January 6, 2021.

Air marshals are also being diverted to the southern border to perform mission-unrelated tasks like dispensing water.

LaBosco says she's been getting nowhere with requests for explanations from Homeland Security chief Alejandro Mayorkas and <u>others</u> with oversight of the surveillance programs. Shocker.

Now UncoverDC <u>reports</u> that according to an Air Marshal whistleblower, Tulsi Gabbard has been added to the Quiet Skies program, created to "protect traveling Americans from suspected domestic terrorists."

Listing Gabbard, who is now accompanied by Air Marshals and other TSA personnel when she flies, certainly appears politically motivated. Marshals "were first assigned to Gabbard on July 23, a day after she criticized Kamala Harris, Biden, and the National Security State in an interview with Laura Ingraham."

Such targeting of critics is very disturbing. Thanks to UncoverDC's reporting and LaBosco's testimony, it does not seem as implausible as it might have been a few years ago. Years of similar opposition-targeting conduct by the Biden administration have helped us accept it, too.

Discussing the surveillance, Gabbard <u>says</u>: "No American deserves to live in fear of our own government."

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.