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Since 2006, Mr. Amitay has led NASCO efforts in working with Congress, federal agencies and the GAO on programs, legislation and other issues related to private security in general and the use of private security by the federal government. He has done considerable work related to the FPS and TSA contract security programs. Other efforts include the successful enactment of legislation to provide federal authority to employers to request FBI checks for security officers, the development of the Interagency Security Committee "Best Practices for Armed Security Officers in Federal Facilities," and the development of the DHS and DOJ suspicious activity reporting training for private sector security personnel.

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Previously, Mr. Amitay was a professional staff member on the then Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Federalism and D.C. where his work centered on federal government procurement issues.

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