



Association of Professional Flight Attendants

*Proudly Representing the **Flight Attendants** of American Airlines*

Office of the President

November 6, 2009

U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Alert: For Travel on November 18, 2009—American Airlines Flight Attendants Informational Picketing

Dear Representative:

On November 18, 2009, through picketing and the distribution of leaflets at airports serving all ten of our base cities, members of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA) will demonstrate our solidarity and determination to reach a new working agreement with American Airlines. November 18th marks the 16th anniversary of our historic strike in 1993.

After 18 months of bargaining—under federal mediation since January 2009—Flight Attendants will show that it's now OUR TURN to see just rewards for the over six years of sacrifices. American Airlines Flight Attendants gave more than \$340 million annually in contractual concessions since 2003 to save the carrier from bankruptcy. As a result, Flight Attendants must work many more hours and spend less time with their families. On the other hand, American's top five executives have been granted \$55 million in bonuses since 2003.

It is now OUR TURN! OUR TURN Around Campaign is a reminder to passengers that the almost 18,000 Flight Attendants at American are unified in their zeal for restoring our standard of living and needed improvements to pay, benefits and work rules that will secure our futures. As in 1993, American Airlines Flight Attendants stand in unity—willing, able and ready—to bring our case for a fair and respectful working agreement right to the public. Our fellow union members at American and all airlines are invited to join APFA members in their show of solidarity.

While Flight Attendants are committed to creating public awareness of our need for a just agreement, we have no intentions of disrupting service for our passengers and encourage everyone to continue flying American Airlines.


Picketing and leafleting will occur in the following cities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. local time:

Boston
Chicago
Dallas/Ft. Worth
Los Angeles
Miami
New York (LGA and JFK)
Raleigh/Durham
St. Louis
San Francisco
Washington (DCA)

Please urge American Airlines to settle this long-standing contractual dispute. Under the Railway Labor Act, transportation unions must be released by the National Mediation Board and have a 30-day cooling off period prior to a work stoppage.

For more information, contact: Denise Pointer, APFA Secretary, secretary@apfa.org, 817.540.0108 ext 8221.

Sincerely,


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