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Flight Attendants*

Representing the Flight Attendants of American Airlines

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Administrator Michael P. Huerta
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta:

Fatigue in aviation has long been a concern for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) first identified fatigue as an aviation safety issue in 1962. Since that time it has issued at least 50 aviation fatigue recommendations.

The FAA is to be commended for recognizing fatigue as a safety issue, for convening the Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) in 2009, and for issuing new science-driven rules for pilots in December 2011.

Secretary LaHood at that time said, "This new rule raises the safety bar to prevent fatigue."

It is now long-past time to "raise the bar to prevent fatigue" for flight attendants.

The issue of fatigue for flight attendants has been studied and the dangers clearly exposed. Flight attendants do not need another study. What we need are common sense, science-based rules to govern our work day.

That is why we are calling on you to convene a new Aviation Rulemaking Committee to design and recommend science-based work rules for all flight attendants.

As safety professionals, we know the responsibilities that we carry during an emergency and that the public has a right to know that there is nothing in our way from successfully performing our tasks.

Please move immediately to convene a new ARC to solve the growing problem of flight attendant fatigue now.

Respectfully submitted,

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