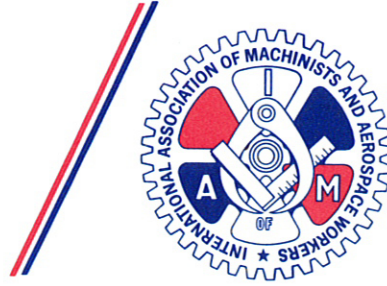


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Subj: Oppose Anti-Flight Attendant Safety
& Health Amendment to FAA bill.

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the thousands of flight attendants that we represent, **the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Worker's strongly urge you to vote against Senator Rand Paul's (R-Kentucky) amendment to strike Section 509 Clarification of Memoranda of Understanding with OSHA from the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization bill (S. 223).**

For more than 40 years, American workers have enjoyed the benefits and protections afforded by the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). Unfortunately, these protections do not apply to flight attendants. In 1975, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) unilaterally claimed jurisdiction over workplace safety for flight attendants working in aircraft cabins without prescribing or enforcing safety and health standards or regulations.

In 2000, the FAA and OSHA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a cooperative arrangement to extend workplace protections to the aircraft cabin. However, no movement has been made in subsequent years to establish or enforce basic workplace protections to flight attendants on board aircraft. If enacted, Section 509 will establish milestones for the completion of the MOU and also requires a policy statement setting forth circumstances in which OSHA requirements may be applied to flight attendants while working in the aircraft.

Again, we urge you to vote "NO" to Senator Paul's anti-flight attendant safety and health amendment and to any other amendments that would weaken this long overdue legislation. For further information, please contact Assistant Political and Legislative Director Hasan Solomon (301) 967-4575.

Sincerely,

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