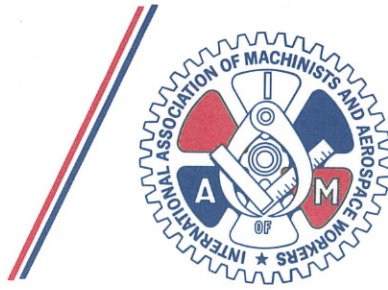


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December 5, 2013

Dear Representative,

As the largest Airline Union in North America, we strongly ask that you support our flight attendants by signing on to Representatives Peter Defazio (D-OR) and Michael Grimm (R-NY) bi-partisan letter to FCC Chairman Wheeler requesting that cell phone calls not be allowed on commercial airlines while in flight. We believe cell phone usage during flights would have serious safety implications. Passengers are less likely to listen to crewmember instructions, phone conversations are very irritating and distracting to other passengers nearby, and they could lead to altercations between passengers resulting in flight attendants having to act as referees to mitigate "air rage." For these very important reasons, we respectfully ask that you join Defazio and Grimm in asking FCC Chairman Wheeler that cell phone calls not be allowed in flight.

Please contact Michael Hayes (Defazio) at [Michael.hayes@mail.house.gov](mailto:Michael.hayes@mail.house.gov) or 5-6416/ Blaire Bartlett (Grimm) at [blaire.bartlett@mail.house.gov](mailto:blaire.bartlett@mail.house.gov) or 5-3371. Deadline to sign on is December 11, 2013.

On behalf of our flight attendants, thanks in advance for your support!

Please contact Legislative Director Hasan Solomon at (301) 967-4575 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

R. Thomas Buffenbarger  
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