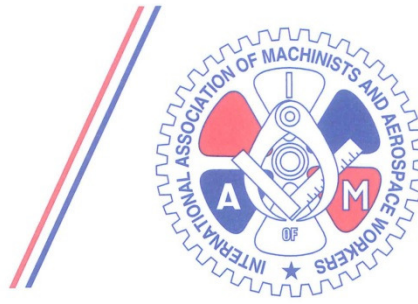


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Dear Representative,

On behalf of more than 600,000 active and retired members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (“IAM”), the largest airline union in North America, I am writing to respectfully ask that you co-sponsor the bi-partisan “Fair and Open Skies Act” recently introduced by the Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Chair of the Subcommittee on Aviation Rick Larsen (D-WA). We strongly believe this legislation will uphold the integrity of our aviation industry, ensure fair competition in this sector, and more importantly protect the millions of good aviation jobs that workers across the country depend on.

Specifically, the Fair and Open Skies Act would prohibit the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) from issuing a new foreign air carrier permit for U.S. operations to any airline that exploits “flags of convenience” to avoid important employment, tax and safety regulations of its home country, or otherwise undermines labor standards. This pro-worker legislation would also give DOT the authority it so desperately needs to protect fair wages and working conditions for American aviation workers while enhancing safety for the flying public.

Again, on behalf of the thousands of airline workers that we proudly represent, we urge you to co-sponsor the bi-partisan “Fair and Open Skies Act.” To co-sponsor please contact Josue Ambriz in Chairman DeFazio’s office at Josue.Ambriz@mail.house.gov.

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Thank you,

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