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To Whom it May Concern:

I write regarding contract negotiations between Alaska Airlines and the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO (AFA-CWA). I hope that conversations are productive and that efforts are made to reach a fair resolution.

As the congressional representative for the Ninth District of Washington, I serve constituents who have brought this matter to my attention.

Support for workers is incredibly important to me. Flight attendants play a critical role in our nation’s transportation infrastructure. In particular, they have risked their own health and safety and served the public valiantly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The livelihoods of workers ought to be given full and careful attention.

I have been informed that a mutually agreeable resolution remains elusive. I strongly urge for full cooperation and serious efforts to reach an agreement that is agreeable to all stakeholders.

I trust that there is broad understanding of the importance of the matters at issue in the ongoing discussions between Alaska Airlines and AFA-CWA. Both parties should work to conduct fruitful negotiations. I will look forward to following these negotiations closely and hearing about any updates that may be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Adam Smith
Member of Congress