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Tommie Hutto-Blake  
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Association of Professional Flight Attendants  
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Dear Tommie:

I am writing to update you and your members on activities I am pursuing in the Senate on behalf of flight attendants, as well as to dispel any rumors regarding a specific legislative initiative I am advancing.

As you know, Congress is considering a sweeping FAA Reauthorization bill, and this bill is the vehicle by which needed changes to our nation's aviation policy will be enacted. There are some provisions in the bill that would benefit all flight attendants – in particular, the current version of the Senate bill would provide for additional studies of flight attendant fatigue. This is long overdue. Your work was critical to this provision, and I will fight to ensure it is not removed when the full Senate debates the bill.

I added a provision to the bill that would ensure that "Allegheny-Mohawk" worker protections apply to all future airline mergers. This amendment is not retroactive, and would have no impact on existing airlines or their workers, including the AA/APFA 2001 Seniority Integration Agreement.

The ongoing effort to recall additional furloughed AA/TWA workers remains an important priority for me. There have been some signs of progress, but much more needs to be accomplished. If there is not sufficient resolution of this issue, it is my intention to offer an amendment to the FAA Reauthorization bill that under certain circumstances would extend the recall rights of furloughed airline employees to ten years.

This amendment would be retroactive and would cover the AA/TWA employees furloughed after 9/11. But the amendment would not affect the seniority rights of employees, and it is not my intention to do so.

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I have introduced the text of my proposal as a freestanding bill, giving you and your members the opportunity to read the language for yourselves. The bill is S. 1992, and can be viewed online at <http://THOMAS.LOC.GOV>.

The full Senate will debate the FAA Reauthorization bill in the coming months, and I look forward to continuing my work with you, APFA's leadership, and your members to improve the working conditions of flight attendants in this country.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill  
United States Senator