



Association of Professional Flight Attendants

Office of the President

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The Honorable Tim Carpenter, 3rd Senate District
The Honorable Spencer Coggs, 6th Senate District
The Honorable Timothy Cullen, 15th Senate District
The Honorable John Erpenbach, 27th Senate District
The Honorable Dave Hansen, 30th Senate District
The Honorable Jim Holperin, 12th Senate District
The Honorable Robert Jauch, 25th Senate District
The Honorable Chris Larson, 7th Senate District
The Honorable Julie Lassa, 24th Senate District
The Honorable Mark Miller, 16th Senate District
The Honorable Fred Risser, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Lena Taylor, 4th Senate District
The Honorable Kathleen Vinehout, 31st Senate District
The Honorable Robert Wirch, 22nd Senate District

Dear Senators:

As President of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA) and on behalf of our 18,000 members, I write to offer our full support to you, the brave men and women of the Wisconsin Senate who have stood on behalf of all hard working Americans. There is no doubt in my mind that unions are under a full assault with many now in jeopardy of losing even the basic right to engage in collective bargaining for pay and work rules.

APFA spent the week of March 1, 2011, in Washington, D.C., where we met for our annual convention. Our leadership went to Capitol Hill to discuss our contract negotiations, now stalled for over three years. What we heard over and over again was that the events in your state are symptomatic of a movement that is taking place all over the country. In our meetings with members of Congress, they told us they have watched the disturbing events in Wisconsin and know full well that it is a blatant imposition of partisan politics. During the past two weeks, as the full story has come to light, public opinion continues to mount for the employee unions. America understands the unreasonable and outrageous demands that Governor Walker has made.

Our members come from every state in the nation, including Wisconsin. I have sent a letter to Senator Michael Ellis expressing our outrage and disappointment at the behavior of the Governor to refuse to sit down and find real solutions to the economic challenges, a constructive relationship between government and unions that will most benefit the citizens of your state.

“All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing.” A nation has watched the events of Wisconsin unfold. Please understand that you and your colleagues have support among millions of Americans. Your fight has become our fight. We support you, as good men and women have chosen to do “something” to stand up and fight for the citizens of Wisconsin and a nation. Stay the course, we support you, and we stand with you!

Sincerely,

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APFA President

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