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American Airlines Flight Attendants Union Issues Direct Appeal to AMR Board of Directors Open Letter to Appear in Dallas and Ft. Worth Newspapers and Wall Street Journal

EULESS, TX (May 3, 2012) – Laura Glading, President of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA), has joined the presidents of the Transport Workers Union (TWU) and the Allied Pilots Association (APA) in signing an open letter to the Board of Directors of American Airlines' parent company. The letter will be published in the Dallas Morning News, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and the Wall Street Journal on Friday, May 4, 2012.

“The unions on the property have presented a unified front since the day American filed for bankruptcy protection,” said Laura Glading. “Although we each have unique interests, we have worked together very closely to protect the contractual provisions and benefits of our members. We expect management to try to pry us apart, but I believe this letter tells the Board that we intend to see this effort through together. Consolidation with US Airways is American’s best avenue out of bankruptcy and back to prosperity.

The letter, written on behalf of the nearly 55,000 unionized employees at American Airlines, rejects the standalone business plan proffered by company management. Today, APFA published an online petition of “No Confidence” in AMR’s business plan and expects thousands of its members to sign on. The letter also makes a strong case for consolidation with US Airways. Much emphasis is placed on the benefits a combined airline would provide to employees of both companies, consumers, and the industry as a whole. According to the letter, the US Airways proposal will strengthen both companies and return American Airlines to its position as a network carrier capable of competing with Delta and United Airlines.

About APFA - Founded in 1977, the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA) is the largest independent Flight Attendant union in the nation. It represents the 17,000 Flight Attendants at American Airlines. APFA Members live in almost every state of the nation and serve millions of Americans as they travel the nation and the world. In 2003, APFA played a major role in keeping American Airlines solvent and out of bankruptcy by giving back an employee bailout of \$340 million in annual salary and benefits, for a total of over \$3 billion and counting. APFA had been in negotiations with American for almost four years when the carrier filed for chapter 11-bankruptcy protection on November 29, 2011. Laura Glading, a 34-year flight attendant, is serving her second four-year term as president of the union.

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