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Flight Attendants Protest at AMR Shareholders Meeting

AA Flight Attendants Call for End of Executive Corporate Greed
Wednesday, May 18th, 7 a.m.-10 a.m., Los Angeles Hyatt Regency Century Plaza
(2025 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles)

Los Angeles – Calling for an end of AMR executive corporate greed, American Airlines Flight Attendants will be picketing at the AMR annual shareholders meeting at Los Angeles Hyatt Regency Century Plaza on May 18, 2011.

“Over the past six years executives have taken almost \$100 million in bonuses, despite the airline’s dismal performance over the same period,” said Laura Glading, president of the APFA, which represents the nearly 18,000 American Airlines Flight Attendants. “In many ways American has become the poster boy for outrageous executive bonuses.”

In 2003, Flight Attendants helped the airline stave off bankruptcy by agreeing to \$340 million in concessions annually. Since then, Flight Attendants have sacrificed in excess of \$3 billion. Meanwhile executives have prolonged flight attendants negotiations for almost three years in order to continue reaping the millions in annual concessions.

Holding picket signs that read, “Seeing Red over AA Corporate Greed,” “Billions in Losses = Millions in Bonuses,” and “Bonuses for Failure?,” Flight Attendants will be drawing attention to AMR executives’ reprehensible acts outside the annual AMR shareholders meeting. APFA has also taken out an advertisement in the *Los Angeles Times* and *USA Today* that reads “Seeing Red Over Corporate Greed,”

“As first responders, Flight Attendants are the first line of defense responsible for the safety and security of passengers. We are working hard to do our part to help this airline succeed, but the executives need to hold up their end of the bargain,” Glading said. “It’s time to hold executives accountable and responsible for the weak performance of the airline and stop the underserved bonuses. Enough is enough.”

APFA is the nation's largest independent Flight Attendant union representing more than 18,000 American Airlines Flight Attendants. www.apfa.org