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Record Voter Turnout and Record Yes Vote

AA Flight Attendants Approve Strike Authorization, Will Continue to Push for Self-Help

Eules, Texas — *Laura Glading, President of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA), issued the following statement regarding the results of Flight Attendants strike authorization vote.*

“Flight Attendants at American Airlines overwhelmingly voted to approve a strike authorization. A record 96.8 percent voted yes with a record turnout of 90 percent.

“This shows that Flight Attendants are strong, unified, and willing to do what is necessary to achieve an agreement that significantly improves our pay, benefits and work rules.

“If we do not have the framework for a tentative agreement at the end of this week, we will continue to push the National Mediation Board for a 30-day cooling off period at the end of which we can engage in a strike or other forms of self-help.

“We know the outlook for American is bright and it’s OUR TURN now to get back the sacrifices – more than \$2 billion to date -- Flight Attendants have made to bail-out American Airlines. The middle class needs to get its fair share again after years of a national culture of corporate greed that is highlighted by the million dollar executive bonuses at American even as the airline lost money.”

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