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## **American Airlines Flight Attendants Call Task Force on Airline Industry a Strong First Step**

### **APFA Praises Transportation Secretary LaHood's Decision**

Washington, DC – The Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA) praised Secretary Ray LaHood's decision to form a task force on the airline industry today, following a day-long forum on the issue.

"We applaud Transportation Secretary LaHood for establishing a task force to examine the problems in the airline industry," said APFA President Laura Glading, who attended today's forum in Washington, DC. "This review is long overdue. Deregulation and other issues have sent the airline industry into a steep nosedive, reducing consumer options and services, increasing delays, wiping out thousands of jobs, undercutting workers' wages and benefits, bankrupting countless companies, and causing a downward spiral in safety oversight. It's time solutions are put in place to improve the health and safety of the airline industry and the employees who serve the traveling public, and this is a strong first step."

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