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AMR EXECUTIVES ACCEPT MILLION DOLLAR BONUSES AGAIN

**AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ATTENDANTS SEE BONUSES AS A SIGNAL THAT
MANAGEMENT BELIEVES COMPANY'S FORTUNES HAVE TURNED AROUND**

YOUTUBE VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS FLIGHT ATTENDANTS' FRUSTRATION

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Eules, Texas - Following a pattern of corporate excess, top executives at American Airlines parent company AMR rewarded themselves bonuses in accordance with sweetheart deals laid out months before.

The Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA) said the acceptance of executive bonuses must be a signal that the company is now ready to make good on its long repeated refrain of shared sacrifice bringing shared reward. The union, representing 18,000 flight attendants at American, is now engaged in federally mediated talks over new contracts with the carrier.

"We see now that the slashing of cities and services, the petty pocket-picking of our passengers and the frantic furloughing of front line employees was all part of a great plan to turn the company around," said APFA President Laura Glading alliteratively. "Their constant crying poor is now shown to be a sham as their actions speak louder than their words."

"Employees deserve to be rewarded for their hard work and sacrifices," Glading continued. "None have worked as hard or have sacrificed more than Flight Attendants: over \$340 million in givebacks per year since 2003. Our members are hungry for their due and American has no more excuse to deny them."

American's Flight Attendants last received a small raise of 1.5 percent in May of 2008, five years after pay cuts of 25 percent to 33 percent. They are now working under a contract that became amendable almost a year ago.

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