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American Airlines Flight Attendants Applaud Confirmation of Linda Puchala to National Mediation Board

Puchala will Restore Integrity and Fairness at NMB

Eules, TX – The Association of Professional Flight Attendants praised today’s Senate confirmation of Linda Puchala to the National Mediation Board (NMB).

"We applaud the Senate on the confirmation of Linda Puchala. She brings a wealth of experience in labor relations in the aviation and railway industries and a real commitment to workers' rights and the collective bargaining process," said APFA President Laura Glading. "I have had the pleasure of working personally with Linda and she will be a strong addition to the NMB. This is the first step in turning back the clock on the anti-worker mentality of the Bush-era NMB over the last eight years."

Currently all of American Airlines 50,000 unionized workers, including flight attendants, pilots, and ground workers, are in federal mediation after more than a year of slow-moving bargaining.

“As our mediated negotiations continue, we look forward to working with Linda to steer the NMB back on course in protecting employees' right to engage in free and fair collective bargaining, which will help us reach a fair and just contract that recognizes the sacrifices and commitment of American Airlines flight attendants,” Glading said.

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