

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 26, 2008

Read Van de Water, Chair
Harry Hoglander, Member
Elizabeth Dougherty, Member
National Mediation Board
1301 K Street NW, Suite 250 East
Washington, DC 20005-7011

Re: Lack of Action on Allegations of Carrier Interference by Delta Air Lines

Dear Chair Van de Water and Members Hoglander and Dougherty:

As Members of the Congressional Labor and Working Families Caucus, we write to express our grave concern that the National Mediation Board (NMB or the Board) has yet to act on the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA-CWA)'s allegations of carrier interference by Delta Air Lines during the Delta flight attendant's representational election. We urge the NMB to immediately begin a formal investigation to determine whether Delta's actions constitute illegal carrier interference. If the Board finds that Delta engaged in illegal conduct, a re-run election based on the "Yes" or "No" ballot must be ordered.

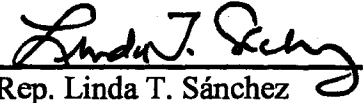
On June 6, the AFA-CWA filed a total of 119 charges of interference against Delta. According to AFA-CWA's motion, Delta management launched a massive anti-union campaign, harassed AFA supporters, and instructed its employees to destroy their government-issued balloting information, without which the employees could not participate in the election.

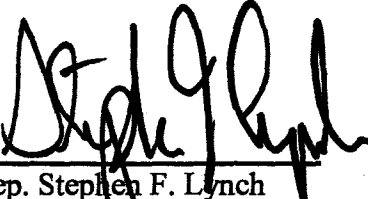
Under the Railway Labor Act, the NMB must ensure that workers are able to designate a representative free from carrier interference, influence, or coercion. This statutory protection is intended to preserve the right of workers to organize and join a union freely. If the Board chooses to ignore the AFA-CWA's allegations, the harm will extend far beyond Delta employees: it will have a chilling effect upon the rights of workers across the country to organize and select representatives free from employer intimidation or interference.

We urge the NMB to conduct without delay a full, fair, and impartial investigation of the AFA-CWA's allegations to determine whether Delta's management crossed the line and engaged in illegal carrier interference. Further, should such investigation determine that Delta has engaged in illegal conduct, we urge the NMB to order a timely re-run election using procedures that would ensure the right of Delta flight attendants to choose whether union representation is best for them.

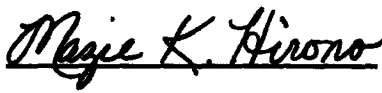
We thank you for your consideration of this issue and look forward to your prompt response to our concerns.

Sincerely,


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Co-Chair


Rep. Stephen F. Lynch
Co-Chair


Rep. Michael H. Michaud
Co-Chair



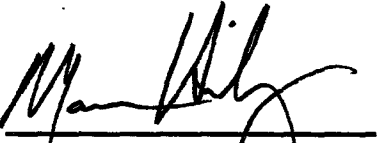






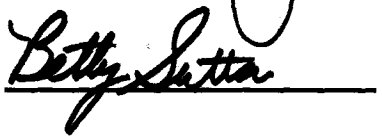


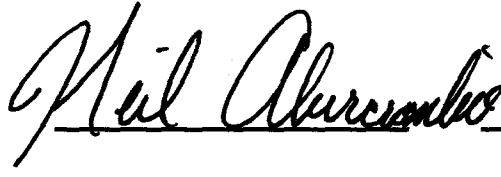


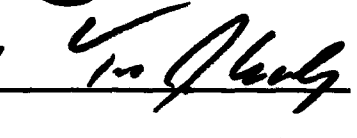


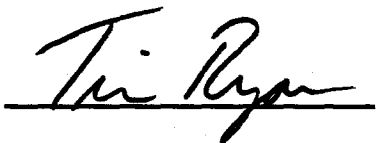


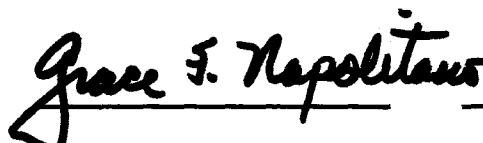


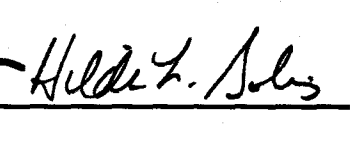










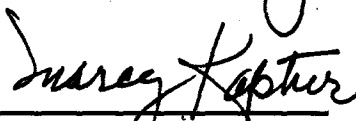


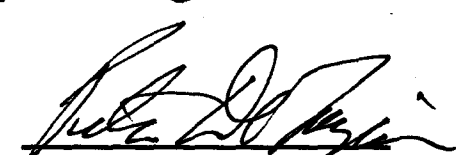


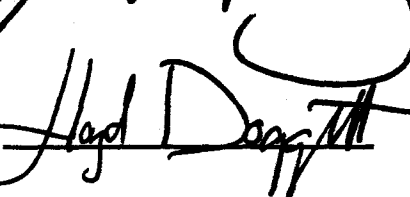


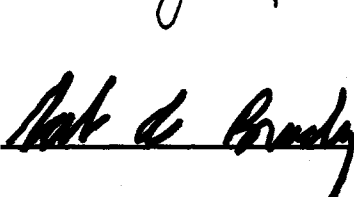


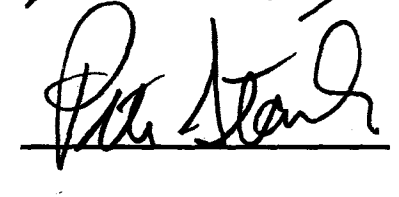












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