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Brothers & Sisters;

I'm sure everyone has received and read the letter from our CEO Gerard Arpey telling us of a number of factors combined have taken the "wind out of our sails". He goes on to say the substantial progress we have made in turning around the company has been obscured by record high fuel prices. He then states a persistent overcapacity of our industry (i.e., too many seats chasing too few customers). I think it's the other way around, too many customers chasing too few seats. Try flying standby! And as far as fuel prices we feel it at the pumps too!

He speaks on the good news for example the progress we have made shoring up our financial foundation bring down the debt five (5) billion the last several years. He continues on with important investments in American's long term future and one of those is replacing aircrafts. Hey Gerard! Do you want to invest in something? Invest in your employees, the back bone of this company. Wake up! I've flown enough the last few years to see the deterioration of this company. The lack of service, delays/cancellations, shortages of manpower, no parts, lost bags and passenger complaints all have skyrocketed. Who's running this place anyway? Oh! That's right; senior management, the ones who stuffed their pockets with executive compensation (PUP/PSP) based on the company's performance.

The morale is at its lowest. You talk about the threat of other carriers merging, forget it they don't work. The concessions haven't worked either. A suggestion, raise the fares! Every business must charge enough to cover its operating and capital costs.

We have submitted the comprehensive proposals to the company on March 6th and we are still waiting for a response. We have negotiated in good faith and it has been nearly two months since the proposals were submitted. I don't know how much longer it will take should we pass the amendable date to secure a contract. I could assure you that your committee remains focused and will continue to work diligently through the process to reach an agreement to bring back to the members for a ratification vote.

“UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL”

In Solidarity,
John Iuliano
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