

# Air Transport Division



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### FOR IMMEDIATE POSTING

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TO: Locals 501 - 590

RE: Delta/Northwest Merger

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

The recent announcement of a Delta/Northwest merger should not come as a surprise to any of us. These two air carriers have been in the news for months as they have tried to broker a deal.

While the announcement of a planned merger is the first step, there are still many obstacles to overcome. With the heightened scrutiny recently placed on our industry, there will certainly be concern in Congress and likely questions on anti-trust matters coming from the Department of Justice. Additionally and foremost will be the voice of workers as they work through the challenges that these transactions spawn.

Within the last few months, at the request of the TWU, senior management at American Airlines met with leadership of the three organized labor groups on the American property to discuss possible mergers and acquisitions. While the talks were general in nature, the TWU clearly stated that we are not interested in mergers that are built off the backs of workers.

We will be monitoring these events as they transpire and keep you informed.

Fraternally,

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