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TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL 562 RE: LAGUARDIA TERMINATIONS

Brothers and Sisters;

Yesterday, the five aircraft mechanics from LGA that were unjustly terminated were returned to work. This happened just prior to the opening of the arbitration case, when the Company offered them their jobs back. I am convinced that this would not have happened without the dedication and preparation of our arbitration team, but most of all my utmost respect to those mechanics at LGA who were willing to testify as witnesses. You were willing to put everything on the line to bring out the truth in order to correct an injustice. Without your support and perseverance, we would not have prevailed.

When I arrived at the hotel yesterday prepared and ready to go to arbitration, I was overwhelmed with pride in seeing our fellow mechanics in support our cause. There must have been about 30 guys there, showing the Company our solidarity, unity, and resolve. You exemplify what unionism is all about, and have proven what power you can have when we work together.

As Vice-President of Local 562, it is my privilege to serve this membership, and help those who have been treated unjustly. It is important that we take care to continue to act in a professional and safe manner while at work. It should be clear that management will be attempting to strictly enforce all rules and regulations. In the future it may become more difficult to prevail in these types of cases. Do not put yourself in a compromising position where you put your livelihood at risk. Finally I want to thank LGA Section Chairman John Young who helped make this possible, and whose input in preparing this case was invaluable.

**Sincerely;
Pete Corabi
VP Local 562**