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Local 562

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Yesterday the Executive Board of Local 562 voted to join Local 100 in support of the "Occupy Wall Street" protests. **"Enough is enough"**, as millions sit unemployed and millions of others work multiple jobs or excessive hours to try and make ends meet, corporate America sits on Trillions of dollars. Our politicians on both sides of the isle have lost their way, both sides have failed the 90% of the population that has seen their living standards decline over the last decade because both sides have been bought by **Wall Street**. These young people see through the smoke and mirrors put out by the corporate press, they know who has taken the wealth and dreams of the American people, they are there to say **"Enough is enough"** and demand that the Robber Barons put something back into the society that has provided them with unprecedented wealth. We at American Airlines have first-hand experience with the fallout of insatiable corporate greed, as revenues soar and headcount dwindles there's a massive shuffle of capital between corporations until there is nothing left on the books for the workers who have nearly doubled their productivity under wages that in real terms have been cut in half. Today American Airlines brings in around \$24 billion a year and sits on \$6 billion in cash and claims they have no money for us!

We applaud the courage and tenacity of these young people who are trying to take control of their futures and resisted temptation to resort to violence in response to the aggressive actions of a few rogue police officers whose actions are probably supported City Hall. After years of waiting on leaders from the AFL-CIO to step up these young people have moved ahead and pointed the fingers where they needed to be pointed. We would like to encourage you all to make a showing and support this movement which has already spread to several other cities.

Fraternally;
Bob Owens
President
Local 562