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Dear Brother TWU President,

I want to take this opportunity to express the solidarity of the Officers of TWU Local 2001 with the Officers and membership of your locals that are being affected by the sudden and totally uncalled for bankruptcy of American Airlines. We in Local 2001 are both shocked and dismayed by the totally unwarranted actions of the Board of Directors of American Airlines in filing for the "protection" of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court while "sitting" on a treasury of substantial cash reserves. We are alarmed that the actions of American Airlines are in effect designed to fund a Capital Purchase of new jetliners on the backs of current workers and retirees by abandoning an agreed upon program by which current employees of American Airlines contributed to their retirement benefits while they were working. This is unprecedented and totally uncalled for.

We want you to know that your struggle against the capricious and totally unwarranted actions of American Airlines in their "bogus" Bankruptcy filing is a struggle that we stand in solidarity with you and our Brothers and Sisters in your Local Unions. We support the TWU position that the "bogus" Bankruptcy filing by American Airlines is unwarranted and needs to be dismissed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Magistrate at the first opportunity. American Airlines must not be allowed to conduct what is essentially a contractual renegotiation outside of the infrastructure that Congress has established through the Railway Labor Act. The "bogus" Bankruptcy filing must not be permitted to circumvent the established means of Labor Relations under the Railway Labor Act as American Airlines seeks to do.

Fraternally Yours,

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