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United Flight Attendants Ratify Concessions

Agreement finalizes flight attendant cooperation in Recovery Plan for United

WASHINGTON— The United flight attendants, represented by the Association of Flight Attendants, AFL-CIO, ratified a contract with management that will provide the airline with \$412 million in cost savings over the next five and a half years.

Eighty-seven percent of eligible flight attendants who cast their ballots voted for the contract. Over sixty-seven percent of eligible flight attendants voted.

Approval of the agreement with the flight attendants is a key step in securing unprecedented labor cost savings as part of United's Recovery Plan. The agreement also puts United a step closer to finalizing its application to obtain a much needed \$1.8 billion loan guarantee that United is seeking from the Air Transportation Stabilization Board to keep the carrier out of bankruptcy.

"The flight attendants have made the difficult but necessary decision to contribute our part in the financial restructuring of United Airlines," said AFA United Master Executive Council President Greg Davidowitch. "This deal leaves just one more labor group to participate before the Recovery Plan can go forward. Once that final piece of the Plan is in place, it will be up to the ATSB to do its part to stabilize the industry by rightfully approving United's application for a loan guarantee. This will ensure that United's Recovery Plan has a chance to work to improve our airline and protect the lives of United's 84,000 employees."

More than 50,000 flight attendants, including the 24,000 flight attendants at United, join together to form AFA, the world's largest flight attendant union. Visit us at www.unitedafa.org.

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