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Dear Danny,
Dear Activists in Delta Air Lines Cabin Crew

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Aviation Secretary of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF). The ITF is a wide-ranging organisation covering personnel and its trade unions in all transport industries, and our civil aviation section, of which I have the pleasure and the honour to be in charge, represents hundreds of thousands of workers in over 200 unions in around 100 countries worldwide. Among them are cabin crew from most major carriers around the globe - I am writing to you on behalf of all your colleagues in aviation.

Delta Air Lines is one of the world's largest carriers, yet largely without union recognition in craft or branch other than pilots (ALPA) and ground training instructors (TWU). The thousands of cabin crew members do not have union representation nor do the similarly sized customer service representatives. This situation has been problematic from a US domestic point of view but is becoming increasingly important internationally through the involvement of the airline for example in the Skyteam alliance.

Good pay for good work and terms and conditions which allow a decent lifestyle are the foundation for a strong and growing aviation industry. Achieving these in social dialogue between equal social partners and in good faith is one of the fundamental values we thrive for. Please let all activists know that the international aviation family strongly supports the activities of our colleagues in Delta Air Lines and firmly stand by any organising effort of a bona fide trade union in international solidarity!

Please keep us updated about the progress you make,

Yours sincerely,

Ingo Marowsky
Civil Aviation Section Secretary