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Fellow Detroit Pilots,

I am writing in response to Tom Bell's email yesterday; it was a bit much. You overwhelmingly rejected his previous attempts to distort the issues at hand during his nomination bid and I expect you will do so again. You see I have great confidence in the ability of our Line Pilots to separate the chaff from the wheat.

The issue at hand is our Council 20 Election; you have until December 10th to vote. I am pleased that you have 6 strong Detroit pilots to choose from; I have and would be honored to work with any of the nominated candidates. Here are your choices as I see them:

Captain Representative

Ken Watts is running against Tom Tucker. In my mind the Captain Representative is your best friend should you, for whatever reason, need someone to fight for your job. While I have respect for Tom Tucker's work as our current Secretary/Treasurer, Ken Watts has been and continues to be the "Go To Guy" in our Union. Like he has done throughout his career, Ken will fight to protect every pilot on the Seniority list. Once again a great choice; please pick one and vote.

First Officer Representative

Ron Barnett is running against Greg Rizzuto. I worked with Ron Barnett when he served in numerous capacities on the MEC. In addition, I worked with Greg Rizzuto, before he quit, as our MEC Communications Chairman. As a no-voter in the bankruptcy TA, I learned how our negotiators bargain for contracts under the close supervision of our MEC. Ron's vast knowledge of contractual issues, as he so aptly demonstrated in the past, will prove extremely important as we negotiate our next contract; thus he gets the nod. He is a great choice; please pick one and vote.

Secretary / Treasurer Representative

I believe that our Union is about the Line Pilot. I promise to seek your consensus and voice it and I am asking for your vote. I am running against Drew Massey and have worked with him both on the Line and in our Union. Once again I ask that you pick one and vote.

In closing, this is a very important election that may well shape our future. I ask that you please consider each of the 6 candidates but most importantly, vote.

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