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Dear Fellow Council 44 Pilots,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Brian Craig and I am seeking your nomination for Captain Representative. I was hired in 1997, which places me at the midpoint of the merged seniority list. I am currently an MD88 Captain and have experience serving our union as an LEC contract administrator, but the majority of my time at this airline has been that of a line pilot, both domestic and international, working under the PWA.

Over the past year, I have been encouraged by many fellow pilots to pursue this position. During this time, I have asked many of you what issues are of most importance and what you're seeking in a representative, and more importantly I have listened. These are the areas you have communicated to be our greatest concern:

***Compensation** – Pay restoration/vacation/training pay/sick

***Retirement** – Enhancing our retirement package

***Scheduling** - Reserve system/23K recovery/reroute

***SCOPE**- No more RJ relief period!

A current rep said to me, "Brian, RJ's are not taking our flying." I vehemently disagree with this position and I believe that outsourcing has led to the erosion of more than 1000 mainline jobs. My top priority is to prevent further outsourcing and I will also work to recapture lost mainline flying.

You have also expressed a desire for better communications. As your representative, I will provide timely, accurate information through e-mail, council web site and printed materials. I will also seek permission to allow secure webcasting of council meetings to provide access for working pilots and commuters.

Although formal section 6 negotiations do not begin until 2012, we only have to look at the myriad of LOAs over the past several years to know that we must always be prepared for negotiations. I seek your nomination and ultimately your vote so that your wishes will be represented the next time we're "at the table."

Fraternally,

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