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**Welcome to the first
Email Update from ALPAWatch**

Thank you for signing up.

We know you are busy and will not be sending you useless emails.

You can expect an email when new information is available or updated information is posted on the ALPAWatch website

Such as....

A survey, poll, or petition opens or closes

The results of surveys, polls, or petitions are posted

Special news articles are published

Important information that you need to know about now.

The reason for this email is a Hot Topic (new section just added to the website). This Hot Topic issue concerns what's going on in respect to our Me Too clause and the flight attendants negotiations.

It appears that this clause could be a great opportunity for the pilots to improve their contract. The MEC is doing little to nothing to take advantage of this opportunity. Time is ticking away. The Flight Attendants could sign a contract at anytime.

To try and get to the bottom of this issue, ALPAWatch posted a letter to the MEC asking a number of questions about this issue. To date, we have not received a response. You can read the letter to the MEC at www.alpawatch.org/Hot%20Topics.html. We suggest that each member email their LEC reps and ask them for the answers to the questions posed in that letter.

This is a perfect example of why ALPAWatch was created. Right now the MEC may be missing the greatest opportunity to improve our contract via our Me Too clause and the Flight Attendants negotiations. ALPAWatch has information that suggests that we should be supporting the flight attendants in order to help ourselves. In short, if they get a 4:15 day we get a 4:15 day. If they end up with only a 20% pay cut, we would end up with a 20% pay cut (instead of what we have now). Before ALPAWatch issues a statement recommending the support of the flight attendants, we wanted to get all the facts for you. On 3/26/07 ALPAWatch sent the MEC a letter to find the answers you need to make a decision about this subject. You can Read the details on this subject and the Letter ALPAWatch sent the MEC on the website The letter asks the Pros and Cons of supporting the flight attendants.

Email your LEC representatives and the MEC today and ask them for a response to the questions posed in the ALPAWatch letter, posted on the website under the Hot Topics section.

Time is ticking away. The flight attendants could settle at anytime.

Background

Also, expect the MEC to be voting on a resolution (already submitted) on this subject at the April MEC meeting. At that meeting, they may vote it down or put in restrictions that would prevent the pilots from being able to offer any meaningful support.

The idea of ALPAWatch is to be pro-active. Once again, the MEC is deciding what to do with this very important issue without input from the membership. The membership needs to be directing the MEC on issues like this. That is why ALPAWatch sent the letter to the MEC. So we could give you the facts before there is a vote on the issue and then you could express your desires *before* the MEC votes.

We don't know if the MEC is trying to ignore the issue or they are just being slow about an important subject. They are not responding to ALPAWatch so they need to hear from you, now! Use the <http://www.ALPA.org> website to look up email addresses for your LEC and the MEC. We are working on posting those email addresses on the ALPAWatch website to make emailing your union leaders easier for you.

Sorry to ask for this much of your time and effort so shortly in to the mission of ALPAWatch. Our intent is to accomplish most of this lobbying effort on your behalf thus keeping you from spending your own time. However, we will do whatever is

required to cause our union to work as it should. This being the early days of this organization, we must use all means available. In this case that means asking you to go directly to the MEC.

Thank you for your participation in ALPAWatch. By giving the everyday line pilot a loud, collective voice, the membership will get the union representation they deserve.

As always, please forward this email to the pilots in your email address book. Pilots are still signing up for ALPAWatch Email Updates, but there are still not enough to depend on that method alone to get the word out.