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Air Line Pilots Association, International

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The Honorable John Kline  
House of Representatives  
Room 1429 – Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Kline:

On behalf of 5,200 active and 700 furloughed pilots at Northwest Airlines, please accept my gratitude for supporting and passing pension reform legislation. Your decision to allow airlines additional time to fund their pension plans will help prevent Northwest Airlines from terminating the pilot pension plan and ultimately save Northwest pilots \$1.7 billion.

As you are aware, pilots at Northwest Airlines have made tremendous sacrifices to help our company. Over the past two years, pilots at Northwest Airlines have agreed to a 40 percent pay cut, reduced health benefits, and other job-related concessions. Our sacrifices combined with the pension reform legislation now provide Northwest Airlines with the necessary tools to emerge from bankruptcy as a successful company.

Once again, thank you for your support. Congress has facilitated a triple win for Northwest Airlines' employees, Northwest Airlines and taxpayers. Your efforts to save our hard earned pensions will not go unnoticed and will be remembered by the pilots at Northwest Airlines.

Sincerely,

Captain Dave Stevens, Chairman  
Northwest Airlines Master Executive Council  
Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l

*Your pilot constituents  
very much appreciate your  
leadership and extra effort  
in front and behind the  
scene to save our pensions!*