

Committee on Homeland Security  
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House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5): "Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentation to the committee to brief summaries thereof. In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness. Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy of the witness, shall be made publically available in electronic form not later one day after the witness appears."

**1. Name:** Christopher J. Witkowski

**2. Title:** Director- Air Safety, Health and Security Department

**3. Organization you are representing:** Association of Flight Attendants-Communication Workers of America

**4.** Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) which **you, personally**, have received since October 1, 2008, from Federal Agencies under the purview of the hearing, the source and the amount of each grant or contract: (attach additional pages as necessary).

**None.**

**5.** Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) which were received since October 1, 2009, from Federal Agencies under the purview of the hearing by the **organization(s) which you represent** at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract: (attach additional pages as necessary)

**None.**

Witnesses are reminded to submit a copy of your curriculum vitae. The disclosure of Federal grants must be completed on the following page. If no grants are received, then indicate with "None". Should you have any additional questions please contact the Committee at (202) 226-8417.

## **Christopher James Witkowski**

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### **Bio sketch** (July 2011)

Chris Witkowski has served as Director of the Air Safety, Health and Security Department for the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO (AFA) since 1992. AFA represents more than 60,000 flight attendants at 23 airlines. He coordinates and oversees AFA participation as a party to U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigations into aviation accidents. He has served as a representative on the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) on aircraft safety and certification issues since its first meeting in 1991, and as Air Quality Coordinator for the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) helped organize the ITF International Task Group on Aircraft Air Quality. He now serves as ITF Civil Aviation Occupational Health and Safety Chair. He oversees AFA's role in facilitating aircraft cabin air quality research. He also currently serves on an FAA Aviation Rulemaking Committee.

Mr. Witkowski is an attorney who worked as Director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project (ACAP) from 1984 to 1992 addressing airline safety, security and passenger rights. He also assisted families of victims of aviation disasters in organizing to work for improvements in aviation security and safety.

He pushed for creation of the U.S. FAA Aviation Security Advisory Committee (ASAC) after the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland and has been a member of ASAC since its inception in 1989, including participation in the Domestic Aviation Security Baseline Working Group in 1996.

### **Education**

BGS, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA; 1977  
JD, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, Michigan, USA, 1983

### **Professional Experience**

Aviation Consumer Action Project, Executive Director, 1984-1992  
Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, 1992-present  
Director, Air Safety, Health and Security Department

**Additional Professional Activities**

Aviation Security Advisory Committee, Member, 1989-present

Member of 1996 Domestic Aviation Security Baseline Working Group

Past Member of Cargo Security Working Group

Aviation and Transportation Security Act of 2001, Member of Task Group on  
Crewmember Security Training and Common Strategy

US Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration

Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) Air to Ground Working Group, Nov. 2006  
to present,

Member of the Technical and Security Committees tasked with advising the  
FAMS on use of wireless communications technology on board aircraft in  
operation

36th ICAO General Assembly, Montreal, 18 – 28 September, 2007, International  
Transport Workers' Federation Observer Delegate

Nineteenth Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel of ICAO, Montreal, 26 – 30 May  
2008, International Transport Workers' Federation Participant

37th ICAO General Assembly, Montreal, 28 September – 8 October, 2010, International  
Transport Workers' Federation Observer Delegate