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Machinists Union, Passenger Rights Group Partner to Block Airline Mergers

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) and the Coalition for an Airline Passengers Bill of Rights (CAPBOR) today announced they would join forces to oppose the potential merger of major U.S. air carriers.

“Airline employees and airline passengers have every right to be concerned about the negative impact of airline consolidation,” said IAM's General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. “Employees and passengers are the two groups essential to an airline’s success, yet they are the ones that are most hurt in mergers. Airlines must work with employees and cater to passengers if they expect to succeed.”

The IAM and CAPBOR will work together to oppose ill-advised mergers by coordinating legislative efforts and by demonstrating that mega-mergers are not in the best interests of the flying public, airline workers or the cities the airlines currently serve.

“The importance of this alliance cannot be overstated and we look forward to working with the IAM,” said Kate Hanni, founder and Executive Director of CAPBOR. “Airline passengers bear the brunt of poor service. Combining two major airlines with diverse corporate cultures is a recipe for disaster.”

The Coalition for an Airline Passengers Bill of Rights is the largest non-profit consumer group for airline passengers in the U.S. CAPBOR is the fastest growing grassroots coalition in history with over 21,000 members since being established February 10th, 2007. For additional information visit www.flyersrights.org.