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Continental and United Announce Alliance

Less than two months after Continental Airlines rebuffed United Airlines' merger overtures, the two airlines have announced a comprehensive global alliance.

The airlines issued statements indicating the developed teams to achieve significant cooperation on frequent flier programs, lounges, facility utilization, information technology and procurement.

The airlines' statement read, "This work was assisted by the efficiency opportunities identified and relationships developed during the parties' earlier merger discussions." Specific of the cooperative agreement have not been releases.

The Machinists Union has contacted both carriers demanding all details of the agreement so we can assess the impact on workers at both carriers.

"Alliances like this are just

mergers on the installment plan," said IAM General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. "Integrating programs and technology today will make it easier for the airlines to complete a merger tomorrow. The IAM will remain vigilant in our fight to block mergers that will hurt employees."

Oberstar Tells DOJ to Scrutinize NWA/Delta Merger

"I strongly urge the Department of Justice (DOJ) to oppose the Delta/Northwest merger that has been filed with the DOJ," said Congressman James Oberstar (D-MN), the Chairman of the

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House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in a June 5th letter to the

Department of Justice.

Oberstar's complete letter is available on the IAM website at www.goiam.org/transportation.

"I urge the DOJ to conduct an exhaustive review of the Delta/Northwest proposal," wrote Oberstar. "Many past mergers have resulted in financially weaker carriers."

General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. and members of the IAM's Transportation Merger Team met with Congressman Oberstar on June 19th in our continuing effort to stop the Northwest/Delta merger from negatively impacting employees, passengers and the cities served by the two airlines.

