



MERGER WATCH

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Member Action Needed to Block Northwest/Delta Merger

The IAM's Transportation Merger Team has been waging battles for months on Capitol Hill to block the senseless and destructive Northwest/Delta merger. IAM members from many airlines have also made repeated trips to our nation's capitol to lobby against the merger. Our collective efforts have had an impact, and we have found numerous friends in Congress. Nevertheless, there is still much work to be done.

It is extremely important that IAM members contact their elected representatives in their District offices during the Congressional recess. Next week a large majority of Democratic members will be at the Democratic Convention in Denver. That will be a great opportunity for Machinists delegates to lobby their representatives.

After the convention, members will be in their district offices from Labor Day weekend, through September 7th, providing another chance for IAM members to meet with their representatives. If you can't make a personal visit, then you are asked to phone or email your representatives. We must keep pressure on Congress while they are in recess.

You can find out who your representatives are and all their contact information from the IAM's Merger Watch page at www.goiam.org/mergers. The site also provides a pre-written email that can be customized and sent to your representatives as well as talking points to help you engage and educate your representatives on the issues important to workers.

The Machinists Union is the only union opposing the Northwest Delta merger. The IAM and our members, especially those at Northwest, have been through too many mergers to believe anything being promised by CEOs Doug Steenland and Richard Anderson. And although the IAM is actively organizing Delta's ground workers, we intend to do so independent of a merger so as not to endanger the representation rights, contracts and pensions of our current Northwest members.

While we are the lone union opposing the merger on Capitol Hill, Northwest and Delta are busy searching for support. What the IAM has that the airlines do not is an army of members who see through company propaganda and are prepared to fight to preserve their jobs, pensions and contracts.

Take a few minutes to visit your elected representatives and let them know your feelings toward the merger.