

Enforce our trade deals

PROTECT AMERICAN JOBS

March 16, 2017

Dear President Trump,

On Sunday, Emirates launched its maiden flight from Newark, New Jersey, to Athens, Greece.

This flight represents a real and growing threat to the 10 million American jobs that rely on the U.S. aviation industry, as well as U.S. airlines' ability to provide international service. That's because the Emirates flight from Newark to Athens is fueled by **billions of dollars in government subsidies** from the United Arab Emirates. These subsidies allow carriers like Emirates to fly some of the biggest planes on the planet at the lowest fares, regardless of whether they have enough seats filled to make a profit. It hurts American customers, markets and, most importantly, middle-class workers.

Every time a U.S. carrier is pushed off a route by a subsidized airline, such as Emirates, it means **we lose 1,500 American jobs**. Eventually, this situation places the jobs of everyone in the U.S. aviation industry at risk. These subsidies clearly violate an important international agreement with our country and place our U.S. airlines at a severe, competitive disadvantage.

We stand for Open Skies and fair competition among all airlines. It's an important principle, and one we respect. But when foreign governments violate their agreements with our country, we cannot turn a blind eye. **To date, the UAE and Qatar have provided \$50 billion in subsidies** - that we know of - to Emirates, Etihad and Qatar Airways.

Mr. President, you campaigned to protect and promote American jobs against foreign interests who for too long have taken advantage of hard-working people right here in this country. This is an incredible opportunity to make good on that pledge. Only you can act to right this wrong. You can protect America's aviation workers by enforcing our agreements with the UAE and Qatar. We need your help.

Respectfully,

The Partnership for Open & Fair Skies



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