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Dear Representative:

I write today on behalf of the 53,000 pilots at 38 commercial passenger and all-cargo airlines represented by the Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA). Since 9/11, we have seen the number of jobs in the aviation industry decrease by over 25%. Unfortunately, new international revenue sharing schemes threaten to exacerbate job loss in our industry. That is why we are asking you to become a cosponsor of H.R. 4788, a bipartisan bill introduced by Tim Bishop (D-NY), Mike Michaud (D-ME) and Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI).

Millions of American jobs have been off shored with tens of millions expected to leave the U.S. in coming years. It has become the business model of choice in the manufacturing and high-tech sectors to shed good U.S. jobs for cheaper labor outside our borders. This same short-sighted model is now creeping into the aviation transportation sector via international revenue sharing agreements.

H.R. 4788 will establish simple requirements for U.S. carriers who enter into such partnerships to ensure that U.S. carriers do an amount of the actual flying commensurate to the revenue that they receive from such arrangement. The rules included in H.R. 4788 are not prohibitive. A U.S. carrier will still be able to share revenue with a foreign partner; however, that revenue will be based on the amount of flying each carrier performs. This will help keep U.S. jobs and curb off shoring without impacting existing code share agreements, such as the Star, SkyTeam and Oneworld alliances.

ALPA has worked closely with our employers on a multitude of issues that affect our industry. However, we will not sit on the sidelines and watch our employers make money by off shoring our jobs. Pilots want our carriers to succeed. We believe this bill will make our carriers and the U.S. airline industry stronger.

We urge you to cosponsor H.R. 4788 as soon as possible. Please contact Mark Copeland in the office of Congressman Tim Bishop (NY) to become a cosponsor of this bipartisan legislation. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

John Prater
President