Congress of the United States

Mashington, D.C. 20515

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Doug Parker, CEO American Airlines Group 4333 Amon Carter Boulevard Fort Worth, TX 76155

Dear Mr. Parker:

As members of Congress, we are committed to ensuring the rights of our constituents to bargain collectively for good wages and benefits. We hope that you share our commitment and, in that light, encourage you to achieve that result in ongoing negotiations with passenger service employees at your wholly-owned subsidiaries, Envoy and Piedmont.

We have been informed by passenger service employees of Envoy and Piedmont that American Airlines is currently negotiating collective bargaining agreements with their union, the Communications Workers of America. We were pleased to hear about significant progress in negotiating a successor agreement at Piedmont, and we hope for a similar result in the case of the first contract at Envoy. We understand that together, the affected workers comprise more than 9,000 of American Airlines' frontline staff.

As a leader in the aviation industry, you have recognized the importance to the flying public of these employees. They are on the frontlines for American Airlines serving the public in airports big and small, staying late when there are weather-related or other disruptions to make sure passengers reach their destination and performing important pre-flight security and safety checks to ensure that your passengers can travel safely. In some cases, they check in passengers, load their bags and help aircraft depart. They truly help keep the airline running in many challenging situations.

We were surprised to learn that many of these agents earn less than \$11 an hour and, as a result, must deal with constant churn at work and struggle at home to make ends meet. In September, you pointed out that the industry has become more reliably profitable and that, in fact, the company would never lose money again. In light of those strong assurances, we believe that passenger service employees who have played a major role in achieving continued company profitability share in its benefits.

Throughout 2017, and especially during the recent tax debate, members of both parties stressed the importance of raising wages for workers in the United States. While American Airlines recently announced that employees, including these Envoy and Piedmont workers, would be receiving a one-time \$1,000 bonus due to the recent passage of tax legislation, a next step would

be working to ensure that these workers' salaries provide for the ability to support themselves and their families. We believe that a successful American Airlines must support living wages for its frontline employees.

We hope that you will conclude your collective bargaining negotiations and ensure that all of your employees can earn a living wage. There is no stronger investment that American Airlines can make for its future, the future of the traveling public and the future of our communities. We thank you for giving our request your full, fair and prompt consideration.

Sincerely,

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