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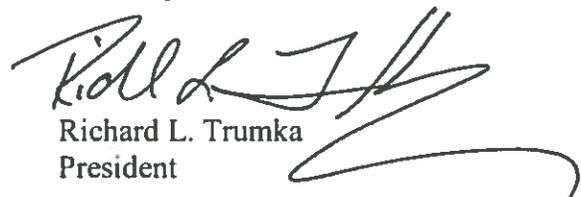
Dear Jim:

It has come to our attention that a group of United Airlines mechanics calling themselves ALTA is circulating literature and information on a website suggesting that the mechanics should leave the Teamsters and form their own union, and further suggesting that this union would be chartered by the AFL-CIO.

It is false for the group to imply that such a union is currently part of the AFL-CIO. Furthermore, the process for chartering new unions is very complicated and would not be done absent Executive Council approval and the consent of the AFL-CIO's existing unions representing mechanics, including the International Association of Machinists, which previously represented the United mechanics.

Please know that the AFL-CIO has no involvement whatsoever with this group and we stand in solidarity with you against this independent union's decertification effort.

Sincerely,

  
Richard L. Trumka  
President

cc: Neil Ditchek  
Assistant and Special Counsel