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Mr. Robert Martinez
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Dear Brother Martinez,

Thank you for your recent letter updating me on your efforts to organize workers at Delta Air Lines, Inc. As the newly-elected president of the Air Line Pilots Association, International, I want you to know that I emphatically endorse efforts to organize employees at Delta.

As the representative of over 14,500 pilots at Delta and 62,000 ALPA members in the U.S. and Canada, our members have seen the immense benefits a union voice provides on the job. The strength provided by a union is necessary for all workers, including those you wish to represent at Delta. We must stand together to protect the unfettered right of all workers to seek and secure union representation and to find dignity on the job. On May 16th, I announced my support publicly on [Twitter](#). Specifically, I declared the following:

“I believe in the dignity of work, the right to organize and the stability brought about through collective bargaining. We are proud to be the collective bargaining agent for @Delta_MEC_Comm’s 14,5000 pilots. #1u #UnionStrong. We stand in solidarity with Delta employees and all workers who seek to exercise their legal right to a true voice in the workplace. #1u #UnionStrong”

Moving forward, I would like to collaborate on strengthening the American labor movement as well as ensuring the U.S. aviation industry continues to be a cornerstone of good, middle-class jobs and a strong U.S. economy. As you are well aware, there are existential threats looming in our industry that can’t be ignored. I hope we can schedule a meeting to discuss those matters in more detail.

Please keep me apprised of your efforts. We have much work to do to protect U.S. workers and working families.

I look forward to seeing you at the next AFL-CIO meeting.

In solidarity,

Joseph G. DePete
President, Air Line Pilots Association, International