United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Scott Kirby Chief Executive Officer United Airlines 233 S. Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mr. Kirby:

We write to express our full support for the 28,000 Flight Attendants at United Airlines and urge you to return to the bargaining table to deliver a fair contract. Since the Flight Attendants' collective bargaining agreement became amendable in 2021, we understand there has been little progress at the bargaining table. We encourage you to negotiate urgently to reach an agreement that recognizes these workers' vital contributions to United Airlines.

Flight Attendants worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic amid not only a public health crisis, but also a surge in conflict and aggression on planes. Flight Attendants risked their own health and safety day after day and do the difficult, essential work that allowed United Airlines to thrive.

While United Flight Attendants have been working for nearly four years without a raise or any improvements to their contract, the airline has yielded billions in profits. As CEO, you have experienced a 90 percent increase in your compensation during this time. In October, United Airlines announced a \$1.5 billion stock buyback plan, even as Flight Attendants struggled to meet their basic needs and keep up with the cost of living.

New collective bargaining agreements at United and across the airline industry have begun to reflect significant gains for workers after two decades of austerity and consolidation. We hope you agree that Flight Attendants have waited long enough for a contract that reflects their essential work. We urge you to personally engage in negotiations and help bring them to conclusion without any further delay.

We will be closely following progress at the bargaining table and are eager to see a fair agreement reached soon.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator
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