Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 24, 2024

Ms. Joanna Geraghty CEO JetBlue Airways Corporation

Dear Ms. Geraghty:

We are writing regarding ongoing unionization efforts at JetBlue. In accordance with the Railway Labor Act's directive that employers shall not "interfere... influence or coerce" their employees in their choice of a workplace representative, we encourage JetBlue to adopt a neutrality agreement as employee unionization efforts continue. We have heard concerns from our constituents who are scared to exercise their rights to collectively organize due to fear of reprisal from their employer, but a clear commitment from JetBlue to respect the voice of its employees would send a strong signal to our constituents that their statutory rights will be protected.

As is required by law, unionization efforts must be permitted to occur free from interference, whether from supervisors or organizations at-large. However, it has come to our attention that there have been instances of anti-organizing interference at JetBlue from management. This includes JetBlue corporate sending anti-union mailers and emails to workers and posting anti-union signage in breakrooms.¹ Such instances of interference result in a chilling effect for our constituents – both those who are directly employed by JetBlue and others who seek to exercise their organizing rights at other workplaces – and they highlight the need for a neutrality agreement.

Adopting a neutrality agreement simply involves an employer agreeing not to engage in preelection activities that influence workers' freedom to form a union. Your commitment to neutrality would ensure that management does not pressure workers into voting against unionization or delaying the election process, and it would signal to workers that supporting an organizing drive would not negatively impact their employment. We believe a neutrality agreement would demonstrate JetBlue's respect for workers' rights and would comply with the Railway Labor Act's directive to not impact its employees in their choice of a workplace representative.

All workers should have the free and fair choice to join a union, as required by law. As JetBlue employees consider the option to do so, we urge JetBlue to adopt a neutrality agreement regarding any efforts by its employees to unionize and to commit to bargaining in good faith if your employees do choose to form a union.

¹ <u>https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/feb/07/jetblue-president-warned-workers-against-joining-union</u> and <u>https://transportworksunion-my.sharepoint.com/personal/ztatz_twu_org/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal %2Fztatz%5Ftwu%5Forg%2FDocuments%2FDocuments%2FZT%2FIssues%2FAir%2FOrganizing%2FJetblue %20anti%20union%20material&ga=1</u>

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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