



AFL-CIO

“KEEP KNIVES OFF OUR PLANES”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA-CWA), representing nearly 60,000 Flight Attendants at 20 airlines, strongly believes that potentially dangerous items like knives and club style sporting equipment should never be allowed in the cabin of an aircraft.

Since the TSA announcement on March 5, 2013, that knives would be allowed back into the cabin of passenger aircraft, AFA has worked tirelessly to prevent this compromise to passenger safety. We have worked with the U.S. Congress to draft legislation to prevent the re-introduction of knives into the aircraft cabin, and have undertaken other activities in support of this goal.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, knives were used to kill passengers and crew, and enable terrorists to take control of four aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, Congress created the Department of Homeland Security as a Cabinet-level department and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to strengthen the security of the nation’s transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Congress charges the TSA Administrator with establishing screening procedures to ensure the safety and integrity of all persons; and,

WHEREAS, the TSA Administrator John Pistole announced a proposed policy change allowing passengers to carry knives into the aircraft cabin, and these knives are potentially deadly weapons that can be readily used to incur harm to other human beings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that organized labor supports AFA-CWA’s efforts to prevent re-introduction of knives on planes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all Unions will encourage their members to contact their members of Congress to pass the “No Knives Act of 2013.”

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