Sisters and Brothers,

This package contains the tentative agreements submitted to you for your ratification vote. As you know very well, the process of negotiating this agreement has been a long and tough fight. Two proud unions came together to form an Association that married our strength and solidarity to deal with the world’s largest airline. The end result proves that the effort has been well worth your support.

The agreements to be voted on are the best in the industry. We reached parity and improvements on important benefits like sick-time, vacation and holidays. Retirement accruals will be second to none for our classifications and we preserved the pre-merger healthcare benefits as they applied to each pre-merger group.

Seniority applications have been merged into a single system that protects your seniority in the classification of your work and, for the first time, allows you to have seniority rights across the entire new American Airlines system. Your jobs are protected on the system and at your station and, more importantly, the work you do is protected in a way that ensures good union jobs will exist at American Airlines for generations to come.

Pay rates, overtime, holiday pay and profit sharing, taken all together, will lead the industry by any measure. Significantly, the formulas for that compensation are locked-in with iron clad language in these agreements.

We urge you to review this material, visit the Association website at twu-iam.org and the TWU and IAM websites to see the highlights, and make an educated vote – a vote that will guarantee an improved future for you and your family for a long time to come. Your negotiators are proud of these tentative agreements and so are we. Everyone involved in negotiating these contracts recommend a YES vote and encourage you to do your part by voting in the ratification.

Specific details of voting locations, the date of the vote and times are available from your local representatives, on the Association website and on the TWU and IAM websites.

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