

Transportation Leadership Supports Association



Please read the letter below from Richard Johnsen, Chief of Staff to the International President to Dave Supplee, President/Directing General Chairman of IAM District 142:

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Aerospace Workers**



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Mr. Dave Supplee
President/Directing General Chairman
District Lodge 142
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Dear Sir and Brother,

I am in receipt of your letter that expresses yours and your American Airlines General Chairman's justified anger and frustration regarding the letter to TWU International President John Samuelson from the three TWU local lodge presidents who represent mechanic and related workers at American Airlines.

The Machinists Union's International leadership fully understands the outrage expressed in your letter to me. We too are deeply disappointed and infuriated by the sentiment expressed in the letter to TWU International President John Samuelson.

I want you to know that my team, the entire IAM Transportation Department, is committed to defending the TWU-IAM Association, so that Association-represented mechanic and related workers continue to receive the quality representation that they truly deserve. We are also prepared to defend the Machinists Union from unwarranted attacks from elected AFL-CIO-affiliated TWU local lodge presidents.

TWU Local Presidents Shaible, Danker and Reeves crossed the line by publicly besmirching the outstanding reputation of the Machinists Union by falsely claiming that IAM members of the Association desire TWU representation and that the IAM was responsible for the latest AMFA raid without a scintilla of evidence to support their deceptive claims.

In 2015, the National Mediation Board properly certified the Association as the representative of the American Airlines Mechanic and Related employees and it has been a great success ever since. The Machinists Union fully supports the TWU-IAM Association. We are proud that together the Association negotiated an industry best contract for mechanic and related workers in the airline industry. We are equally proud of the very hard work of TWU-IAM Association representatives and members who stood in solidarity against the greed of American

management. And we are proud of the work that Association representatives did to derail AMFA's latest failed raid. All this was done in spite of Shaible, Danker and Reeves' politically motivated, divisive behavior.

Brother Supplee, the Machinists Union International Leadership stands with you, your Executive Board and every TWU-IAM Association member on American Airlines, and we stand ready to engage the TWU-IAM Association membership in every location around the country.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Johnsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard D. Johnsen,
Chief of Staff to the International President

cc: TC, Fraser
AC, Regan
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