

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Leads more than 70 members of Congress in calling on Delta to end anti-union campaign

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WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02) today led 73 House Democrats in calling on Delta Air Lines to immediately end its anti-union campaign that has been extensively reported on in recent weeks. As ramp workers and flight attendants decide whether to form a union with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), Delta has engaged in a series of dissuasion techniques, including hiring a consultant to manage an anti-union website and distributing offensive flyers in employee spaces.

“We understand your company has been exposing workers to a coordinated series of outrageous anti-union propaganda materials. This has included a website called ‘Don’t Risk It. Don’t Sign It,’ which features misleading and deceptive claims about the role of a union and about the IAM specifically. We specifically take issue with the claim that ‘certifying a union would end our direct relationship and insert a middleman between delta people and leaders,’” Members wrote. “We can only assume that this is a willful mischaracterization. When workers come together to form a union, they decide who their representatives will be and what their priorities for the workplace are. Referring to your own workers as ‘middlemen’ is insulting to the contributions they make to your company and our country’s aviation industry.”

“Union participation provides significant benefits to workers, workplaces, and our economy. Employees choosing to form a union is foundational to creating a fair economy and combatting income inequality, which has grown steadily in recent decades. Delta employees deserve the right to decide to form their own union and

seek these benefits free from harassment or retaliation. Please put an end to this anti-union campaign and communicate to your workers that there will be no further fear or intimidation tactics used against them as they make this important decision for themselves,” concluded the Members.