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## Just Say NO! To Airline Mergers

If Delta and Northwest are going to complete their deal to create the world's largest airline, what makes them think they can do it without us—the union employee? **YOU**, who sacrificed wages and benefits so Northwest could balance their checkbook and then sell **YOU OFF!** Who will keep them honest to their word? Do we trust them? An employee without a Union loses **benefits, representation, job security—YOUR CONTRACT!**

Delta will dangle the carrot and tell us how great a deal this is, but in reality:

- √ Hubs will be eliminated,
- √ Service frequency will be reduced
- √ Competition will be diminished
- √ Jobs will be lost
- √ Customer service will deteriorate
- √ Pension obligations will be jeopardized

**A merger will do NOTHING to lower the fuel prices. Airlines cite high fuel prices as a reason to merge, but the cost of a gallon of fuel for two individual airlines will be the same as for one large airline.**

**The Machinists Union strongly opposes this merger.** The IAM is a part of a coalition of consumer advocates, political leaders and passenger rights groups who oppose the mega-mergers, but we need your help.

Is this merger about the hedge funds, the stockholders, and executives who will cut and run? Or is it about **YOU**, the employee who has made this airline what it is today!

Northwest had their day on April 15, 2008. Let us have ours today. **Make YOUR voice heard!**

I urge you to email Congress to say **NO** to this merger. It is your livelihood—it is your future and it is easy to do. I have set up a link on the District 143 website, [www.iam143.org](http://www.iam143.org) titled "Say No To Mergers" on the Legislative page. Click on **contact** or **send an email**. You can also use <http://capwiz.com/iamaw/issues/alert?alertid=11231996>. Fill out your information and a formatted letter will be sent to your U.S. Senators, Congressmen/women and your Governor. This is the first step in a very long process. I will keep you informed of Congressional hearings and other Legislative issues as they arise.

I thank you for your time and investment in our survival and your future.

To our future in solidarity,

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