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To All Allegiant Pilots

Although your strike action is a serious matter to each of us, the Wall Street Journal has published its April Fools edition about the legality of strike action taken against Allegiant.

I contacted the National Mediation Board today to question their spokespersons' statement in the Journal about the legality of our taking strike action against Allegiant. In the article which appeared on April 1, a spokeswoman for the NMB is quoted as saying that "she believes the Allegiant pilots aren't legally authorized to strike under the Railway Labor Act."

The NMB responded to me that its spokesperson had been misquoted. The NMB also stated that because our strike is in response to Allegiant's status quo violations there is no issue for the NMB about the legality of a Railway Labor Act Section 6 strike which is the subject of the misquote. In plain English, the NMB has no issue or problem with our interpretation of your right to strike for status quo violations which is separate and apart from a strike regarding Section 6 of the Railway Labor Act.

We urge you to stay united and alert for any communications from your Union as your resolve to stay united and strong will ultimately determine the positive outcome we are all working for.

In Solidarity,



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