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**ALLIED PILOTS ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES OBAMA AND BIDEN:  
“A NEW DAY FOR ORGANIZED LABOR HAS NOW DAWNED”**

Fort Worth, Texas (Nov. 5, 2008)—The Allied Pilots Association (APA), certified collective bargaining agent for the 10,500 pilots of American Airlines (NYSE: AMR), issued the following statement today in response to the national election results:

“The Allied Pilots Association congratulates President-elect Barack Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden upon their successful election,” said APA President Captain Lloyd Hill. “We also want to express our appreciation to Senator McCain and Governor Palin for their willingness to serve.

“APA is excited at the prospect of working with the new administration to advance the interests of the professional pilots we represent. During their campaign, the President- and Vice President-elect spoke out in support of union workers and the need to help our nation’s middle class. The American people heard that message loud and clear and a new day for working men and women has now dawned.

“In a letter earlier this year to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, President-elect Obama wrote, ‘The practice of outsourcing aircraft maintenance overseas raises security concerns and pits our skilled mechanics making a middle-class living against less skilled, less well-protected workers abroad.’ APA believes he makes a crucial point not only about our nation’s aircraft mechanics, but also about the outsourcing of other hard-working Americans’ jobs. Right now one of APA’s foremost concerns is American Airlines management’s joint business agreement with British Airways and Iberia and related application for worldwide antitrust immunity and the threat these deals pose to thousands of middle-class Americans’ livelihoods.

“We look forward to discussing our outsourcing concerns with the new administration,” Hill said.

That is the full text of APA’s statement.

*Founded in 1963, the Allied Pilots Association—the largest independent pilot union in the U.S.—is headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. APA represents the 10,500 pilots of American Airlines, including 1,969 pilots on furlough. The furloughs began shortly after the September 11, 2001 attacks. Also, several hundred American Airlines pilots are on*

*full-time military leave of absence serving in the armed forces. The union's Web site address is [www.alliedpilots.org](http://www.alliedpilots.org). American Airlines is the nation's largest passenger carrier and fifth-largest cargo carrier.*