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SAFETY STATEMENT

There are media reports that an American Airlines employee was arrested for the unauthorized tampering with an aircraft. These allegations, if true, are extremely disturbing. The charged conduct potentially jeopardized the safety of the flying public and must be condemned.

TWU/IAM Association members are the most highly trained safety professionals in the airline industry. We take pride in the work our members do day in and day out. Mechanics, and all of our members who are involved in the safe operation of aircraft, take seriously the responsibility for a safe air transport system in the United States and around the world.

As the representative of thousands of dedicated and highly skilled safety professionals, we condemn conduct which violates our oath and our FAA license, which require that we adhere to the highest safety standards to ensure that aircraft are properly repaired and maintained. We cannot allow one accused individual's alleged conduct, whatever his misguided motives may have been, to taint the well-earned reputation of thousands of hard-working professionals.

Every one of us, and our families, travel on the very same airplanes the public rely on to travel safely every day and on every flight. We continue to be unequivocally dedicated to ensuring the safety of the flying public.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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