



# Labor Coalition for Community Action



## Statement of Support for the Coalition of Flight Attendant Unions on Dangerous Items in the Aircraft Cabin

March 14, 2013 – Last week, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced that effective April 25, knives and other potentially harmful objects would be allowed in the aircraft cabin for the first time since 9/11.

The Flight Attendant Union Coalition, representing nearly 90,000 Flight Attendants at airlines across the country and who are the front line safety professionals onboard, called the decision by TSA poor and shortsighted.

Since the announcement, the unions representing Flight Attendants have received an overwhelming response of outrage about the TSA announcement from members and passengers alike. Flight Attendants are the last line of defense in aviation security and there should be no excuse for allowing knives in the cabin.

Our nation's aviation system is the safest in world thanks to multi-layered security measures that include prohibition of items that could pose a threat to the integrity of the aircraft cabin.

The organizations listed below join the Flight Attendant Union Coalition's call for a continued ban on dangerous objects as an integral layer in aviation security and that must remain in place. On behalf of all of us who travel, or who have friends and family who travel, we urge TSA to ensure continued safety by keeping dangerous items out of the Aircraft Cabin.

A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI)  
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA)  
Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU)  
Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW)  
Labor Coalition for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)  
Pride at Work (P@W)

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