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From UNITE HERE President D Taylor

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TO: UNITE HERE Staff and Supporters

FROM: President D Taylor

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced last week that effective April 25, small knives would be allowed in the aircraft cabin for the first time since the tragic events of September 11, 2001. This ill-advised action by the TSA would seriously diminish the standing of U.S. aviation as the safest in the world. It is a reversal on protections that were put in place to prevent against the very same method of attack used by the 09/11 hijackers. This reversal also has the potential to put our members working in airport foodservice at risk; it should be stopped immediately.

UNITE HERE joins our flight attendant sisters and brothers in the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, Association of Professional Flight Attendants, Transport Workers Union, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in opposing this change. As our last line of defense against an attack in the air, we whole-heartedly agree with their demand that blades not be allowed on airplanes.