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Chairman Hulas Kanodia
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11495 Natural Bridge Road
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Dear Chairman Kanodia:

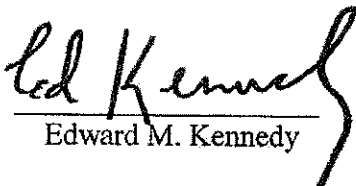
I write to express my deep concern about the ongoing troubled labor relations between Trans States Airlines and the pilots represented by the Air Line Pilots Association. In particular, in recent years, it appears that employees holding key union positions at TSA have been penalized and even fired for their union activities.

TSA is an important provider of air services in our country, and a large part of that success stems from the dedicated efforts of its hardworking pilots who are union members. The pilots who have stepped forward to serve in union positions and work for the betterment of their fellow employees deserve fair and equal treatment by TSA, and our labor laws require it.

I strongly urge you to quickly return the fired employees to work, and make every effort to restore TSA's relationship with the union to one of cooperation and respect.

With respect and appreciation,

Sincerely,


Edward M. Kennedy


Claire McCaskill