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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
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The Honorable Jeh Johnson
Secretary of Homeland Security
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The Honorable Thomas E. Perez
Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
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RE: Control of Ebola Transmission through Commercial Aviation

The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO (AFA) is concerned by the health risk to all airline employees, passengers, and the public at-large from the ongoing Ebola epidemic. An Ebola patient has already flown on two domestic commercial flights, on October 10th and 13th. Passengers and crew, including our members, are being interviewed by public health officials to assess risk of exposure.

Given the serious nature of the Ebola virus disease and its potentially grave threat to public health and national security, we continue to believe and insist that voluntary measures and mere guidance from public health authorities are inadequate to bring this situation under control. Included with this letter is a list of measures that AFA urges be put into effect immediately through the relevant government agencies to ensure that the health of all airline workers and the public at large are protected.

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Implementing these measures at each of our nation's airlines will also reassure the traveling public and protect our U.S. aviation industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Nelson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sara Nelson
AFA-CWA International President

cc: Dr. Tom Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration
John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration
Dr. David Michaels, Asst. Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health
Dr. Margaret A. Hamburg, Commissioner of Food and Drugs
R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection