



FlightPAC – AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE

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FlightPAC, part of CWA's Political Action Fund, was established in 1982 to promote aviation safety, secure the future of our profession and enhance the integrity of our working conditions. The PAC provides AFA-CWA with the opportunity to combine members' voluntary resources to help elect and reelect members of Congress, *regardless of party affiliation*, who support issues that are important to Flight Attendants. Issues such as our 10-hour, non-reducible, minimum rest requirement and Fatigue Risk Management Plan, No Knives on Planes, KCM, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) protections for Flight Attendants, limiting carry-on baggage, secondary security barriers on aircrafts, improve cabin air quality, human trafficking training for Flight Attendants, Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) benefits and more.

Because Federal Election Law prohibits the use of union dues money for political purposes, FlightPAC relies solely on voluntary contributions. During every two-year election cycle, FlightPAC, which is a **bipartisan PAC**, contributes to federal candidates and members of Congress that support Flight Attendant issues.

AFA-CWA SUPPORTS POLITICAL CANDIDATES TO BE EFFECTIVE

While in the past many of the battles for our rights were fought and won at the bargaining table, today it is necessary to also fight for our rights in the halls of Congress. Therefore, it is important to help elect and keep in office the candidates and incumbents that support our legislative goals. In order to improve our working conditions and quality of life, we must have a strong, unified voice, not only at the bargaining table, but in the halls of Congress as well.

FlightPAC IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU

Our government responds to those people who take the time to get involved. FlightPAC provides a simple way for AFA-CWA members to be actively involved in our democratic process and allows our common issues to be addressed. Because we can speak with a unified voice on vital issues through FlightPAC, Congress listens and responds to our concerns. Through your contribution to FlightPAC, you demonstrate that AFA-CWA members are unified in our determination to support candidates who share common goals for improving our work environment, solidify aviation security and safety, and protect our jobs.

With your help, we are fighting back. We must continue to invest in our future and carry our message loudly and clearly to our elected representatives.

For more information on the MEC Government Affairs Committee and FlightPAC, please

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The Roles and Work of Our AFA MEC Government Affairs Committee

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As Flight Attendants, we work in a highly regulated environment. Decisions which affect our safety and security, our work environment and our job security are routinely made in Washington, D.C. Our AFA Government Affairs Committee maintains a voice in the political process to express the concerns of Flight Attendants on issues which impact our security and safety, our health, our workplace, the safety of our passengers, and our rights to Union representation. The Committee Members lobby Senators and Representatives on AFA's legislative issues and work to establish an on-going relationship with these offices.

Lobbying is an essential and necessary component of the work our Government Affairs Committee does. It is important to point out the vast majority of this work is accomplished by volunteers and through voluntary contributions of eligible AFA Members to FlightPAC, our Political Action Committee (PAC). During the next few weeks we will be publishing an educational series about how FlightPAC is making a difference for the Flight Attendant profession and why AFA's support of political candidates can be effective. Beginning April 1, 2019 we will be conducting FlightPAC roadshows in domiciles across the system in an effort to raise awareness and support of our United AFA Political Action Committee. We must continue to invest in our future and carry our message loudly and clearly to our elected representatives.

For **additional information** detailing the work of the Government Affairs Committee can be found on [unitedafa.org legislative news](http://unitedafa.org/legislative-news).