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**WASHINGTON** – Following her years-long effort to improve security and transparency for airline consumers, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill has introduced legislation that would require airlines to disclose the location where heavy maintenance is performed on aircraft, providing consumers greater transparency as these repairs are increasingly done outside the United States.

**McCaskill's legislation, the *Aircraft Maintenance Outsourcing Disclosure Act***, would require airlines to plainly state on their websites the cities and countries in which their aircraft undergo heavy maintenance. That same information also would be provided to consumers as they shop for flights, as well as on ticket confirmation and boarding passes. Bipartisan companion legislation has been introduced in the House.

This commonsense, bipartisan legislation requires public reporting of U.S. airline maintenance practices. **The Transport Workers Union of America (TWU)**, which represents thousands of workers who maintain U.S. aircraft, is proud to endorse this bill.

"The American public deserves truth when flying. When deciding which airline to fly or which flight to buy, it shouldn't be a privilege to know where airlines are maintaining their aircraft," said TWU International President John Samuelsen. "This legislation allows the flying public to make informed purchasing decisions, while supporting regulators' efforts to ensure all aircraft maintenance work is held to a uniform high standard of safety..."

**The Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA)** supports the recently introduced legislation by Senator Claire McCaskill (MO) and the companion legislation introduced by Representative John Garamendi which raises awareness for the dangerous trend of outsourcing aircraft maintenance to foreign repair stations.

AMFA has worked for years to combat foreign outsourcing. In 2016, we were instrumental in adding legislative language in the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 to mandate employees of foreign repair stations to undergo drug and alcohol testing and background checks similar to their U.S. based counterparts.

### **At United Airlines, the story is completely opposite...the Teamsters Union gave away our work overseas to China.**

1. December 2016 the Teamsters eliminated 25 year old United Scope language that prevented the outsourcing of our Wide body and future aircraft work overseas.
2. The IBT also eliminated C-Check protection language from IAH Base and SFO Base.  
The Teamsters are selling out our future.

**We deserve a Union that will fight for and protect our Membership and our Profession.**

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