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2006 Marks Fifth Year of Million-Dollar Revenues for ALPA-PAC

WASHINGTON, DC – The ALPA-PAC Steering Committee announced that the 2006 ALPA-PAC Annual Giving Campaign raised over \$1 million in voluntary contributions from U.S. ALPA members, breaking the million-dollar mark for the fifth straight year. These results came despite a 1 percent drop in participation from the 2005 fundraising campaign. Over 6,300 pilots, or roughly 14 percent of the U.S. membership, contributed with an average donation of \$170. Roughly 88 percent, or \$1.04 million, of the revenues came from the ALPA-PAC checkoff program.

During the 2006 congressional election cycle (2005–06) ALPA, through ALPA-PAC, contributed over \$1.6 million to 273 candidates who ran for federal office. Of those candidates, 245 won, meaning that 90 percent of all federal candidates who received ALPA-PAC's financial assistance were successful on Election Day 2006. This PAC support went to candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives from both political parties.

In announcing the results of last year's program, ALPA President and PAC Chairman John Prater noted that he understands why some of the numbers are down—pilot salaries have been slashed, pensions are gone, work rules are brutal, and ALPA has faced an unfriendly Congress and a hostile White House over the past few years. "But," he added, "if we are going to continue to play a strong role on Capitol Hill, we are going to need to reinvigorate our PAC—soon. The 2008 election cycle has already begun, and we must be ready."

Prater added that ALPA-PAC has two important strengths: (1) the bi-partisan manner in which it operates, working to build a pro-ALPA congressional majority around pilot-related issues, and (2) the efficient use of its revenues, spending voluntary PAC donations on helping to get pro-pilot politicians elected. While not setting a specific fundraising target, he called on all U.S. ALPA members to examine the issues, weigh their importance, and invest in ALPA-PAC.

The PAC checkoff program continues to provide the foundation for the success of ALPA's political fundraising efforts. Over 6,000 U.S. ALPA pilots are enrolled in the checkoff program, enabling ALPA-PAC to count on a steady and dependable income of nearly \$90,000 each month. The average contribution from checkoff participants last year was \$171.

Checkoff programs are operating at the following 19 pilot groups: Alaska, Aloha, America West, American Eagle, ASTAR, ATA, Continental, Delta, ExpressJet, FedEx, Hawaiian, Mesa Air Group, Mesaba, Northwest, Piedmont (former Allegheny pilots), Pinnacle, Spirit, United, and US Airways.

ALPA-PAC was established by the ALPA Executive Board in 1975 to strengthen the voice of pilots on Capitol Hill and in the Executive Branch of the federal government. ALPA-PAC accepts voluntary contributions from ALPA members who are U.S. citizens and uses these resources to provide campaign assistance to pro-pilot candidates running for federal elective office. ALPA-PAC donations are not tax deductible, nor a condition of membership in ALPA.

For more information on ALPA-PAC, contact the ALPA Government Affairs Department at 1-888-359-2572, ext. 4033, or via e-mail at governmentaffairs@alpa.org. Additional information is also available on the Legislation and Politics link of the ALPA website at Crewroom.alpa.org. U.S. ALPA members may make ALPA-PAC contributions of any amount at any time. Checks should be made payable to ALPA-PAC and be sent to 1625 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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