

SPC Update of January 5, 2008

To all:

The effects and ramifications of HR-4343 are already being felt throughout this industry. Such is the situation caused by legislation designed to protect and reward the high dollar special interest forces at the expense of your constitutional rights as a U.S. citizen. The actual force that drove this legislation to be moved under select rules to intentionally prevent floor debate and avert any attempt to proffer amendments to the Bill will be the subject of debate in another forum. What is particularly interesting is the number of people that stand to boast and take credit for what they too openly admit is discrimination and therefore theoretically illegal. The misdeeds of this Congress and the influences that made it happen to garner "protection for compliance" will now be tested in the courts.

Preparation for this eventuality has been underway since the enhanced and specifically directed prejudicial language was added in the creation of HR-4343. This poorly crafted legislation has by its language and intent created a Bill of Attainder which is expressly prohibited under the constitution. This legislative product which was passed into law to placate some air carriers and their allies further violates your citizen rights of but not limited to the Equal Protection Clause, the Takings Clause and interferes with the right to contract. Its standing as law will be aggressively attacked through multiple federal vehicles.

This week the FAA sought our indulgence to drop our court actions against their illegal policies. They did not get the response they were hoping for. Quite the contrary, they are being served with the notice of intent to sue in regard to the further action to strike HR-4343's unconstitutional provisions from the law. When that is complete we will await their next reply; however, our efforts to seek court relief and the financial fund raising to stand for our rights will proceed with an added intensity.

Our web site is being enhanced to take advantage of national fund raising through interaction with other organizational web sites. The media attention will be intensified to highlight the cause and effect of illicit special interest legislation. The ultimate responsibility for standing for your rights belongs with each and every one of us. There are no real exceptions, none. Regardless of where you fall individually in the Congressional birthday lottery, we all have an obligation to stand against discrimination. The plaintiff list will include all who contribute to this legal challenge of unconstitutional language. The initial response to my request for \$500 contributions to fund this litigation has been superb among our members. I fully expect that all friends and members of the SPC will join to protect principle and equality for all pilots. Even if you are not a listed plaintiff in the original case before the U.S. Court of Appeals in D.C. you can become a

plaintiff in this litigation. Our list of plaintiffs and or friends of the court will include organizations as well as individuals. Join the fight for your rights whether or not you were protected. If a Bill of Attainder were allowed to stand and unilaterally deny you the right to the judicial system, you can only imagine what will be sent your way next to satisfy the special interests of greed. Only the court has the power to determine the merits of your complaint, not the Congress.

It matters not if you are ALPA, SWAPA, Teamsters, non-union, SPC or any other affiliation. This is not a matter of age. This is litigation by men and women standing for their rights and equal rights for all. It represents what being against age discrimination is really all about. Join in and contribute through The Senior Pilots Coalition at:

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