

SPC Update -- 01/12/2008

To all:

This past week we have been preparing the court case against the unlawful language of HR-4343. I have attached a letter from Professor Turley for your review. Though marked confidential, I am now able to send it to all of you. The list of recipients and those who may find themselves implicated by the actions of HR-4343 are far reaching and may grow further as we continue. That will be determined by our legal staff.

The plaintiff list, those targeted intentionally by HR-4343 and those who have the courage to stand against the outrageous and claimed unlawful provisions it contains, has grown rapidly. The intent of [H.R. 4343] is very simple: to rid the airline industry of its most senior veteran pilots for economic reasons, placate union politics and grant immunity to the companies, unions and [to] the FAA. To assume that a law inaccurately titled "Fair Treatment" has anything to do with bringing the U.S. commercial pilot retirement age in line with the world standard of ICAO is naive. Were that the case, the age change would still be a target of many of the companies you worked for and the unions that falsely claimed to represent your career interests. Some in this industry have already determined that career veterans who must now apply for positions at the "bottom" of the new-hire list, stripped of all seniority and longevity, do not meet the "minimum new-hire standards" for employment. The message is very clear.

This court action is not being fought by you alone. Many groups who have an interest in protecting individual rights under our laws are joining as well, but make no mistake, this is about you. Every pilot who enjoys the rights of citizenship and deserves equal protection under the constitution should recognize the obligation to stand as a plaintiff in this case. I encourage all to do so and to enlist the participation of all pilots that you contact. Your contributions to this effort are an unfortunate but necessary product of bad government. Those who contribute \$500 to this suit will be named as plaintiffs against one of the worst examples of special interest legislation ever. No one person and no Congress has the right to deny your access to the judicial system or the protections granted to all U.S. citizens under the constitution.

To the many who are already on the plaintiff list, thank you for your dedication to justice and equality. We will not abandon your rights. The

Senior Pilots Coalition remains dedicated to ending age discrimination in the airline industry.

No Pilot Left Behind

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