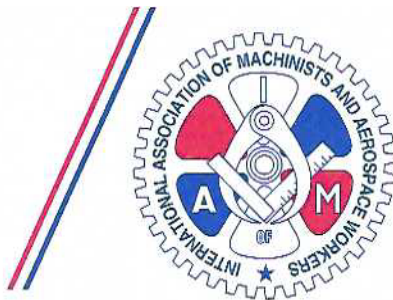


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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT

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RE: Swipe Fee Fairness Act

Dear State Senator,

On behalf of the thousands of workers that we proudly represent in the state of Colorado, we respectfully ask that you OPPOSE the so-called “Swipe Fee Fairness Act” H.B. 25-1282. While this legislation is purported to help small businesses, we believe it will harm good union jobs in Colorado while delivering millions in additional profits to corporations that systematically fight against workers’ right to organize and collectively bargain. It is unconscionable to reward these companies while they continue to undermine the very foundation of worker power.

As the largest airline union in North America, proudly representing over 100,000 workers in the airline industry, our employers depend on revenue from credit card partnerships that this bill would undermine. By harming very popular credit card rewards programs, HB25-1282 would knock airlines off their solid financial footing at the very moment we are fighting for improved contracts. It would also hamper carriers’ ability to purchase new aircraft, creating a devastating ripple effect for our fellow union members in the aerospace industry.

For the above reasons, we strongly urge you to vote “NO” to the Swipe Fee Fairness Act when its considered.

Sincerely,

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GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT
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