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Southwest Airlines Pilots to Picket at Love Field for First Time In Airline’s History

WHAT: Southwest Airlines Pilots’ First Ever Informational Picket

WHERE: Location 1: Mockingbird Lane and Cedar Springs (across from Love Field Airport)
Location 2: In front of Southwest Headquarters main lobby (inside gate)

WHO: Visual - Hundreds of uniformed pilots from Southwest Airlines
Captain Jon Weaks – SWAPA President; Captain Mike Panebianco – Vice President

WHEN: Wednesday, February 3, 2016
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

WHY: Southwest Airlines pilots have been without an acceptable contract since 2012. After nearly four years in negotiations toward a new contract, SWAPA has decided to demonstrate their collective displeasure to management, the flying public, and Southwest shareholders. Four years, particularly during a time of record profits, is far too long for a company known for its “LUV” to not provide a worthy contract offer to its operational front line leaders – the pilots. After numerous sacrifices to help ensure the current financial success, it is time for Southwest Airlines management to finalize a contract with its professional pilots and move forward together toward a prosperous future.

Located in Dallas, Texas, the Southwest Airlines Pilots’ Association (SWAPA) is a non-profit employee organization representing the more than 8,300 pilots of Southwest Airlines. SWAPA works to provide a secure and rewarding career for Southwest pilots and their families through negotiating contracts, defending contractual rights and actively promoting professionalism and safety. For more information on the Southwest Airlines Pilots’ Association, visit www.swapa.org.

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