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Sisters and Brothers,

Last month, Arbitrator Daniel F. Jennings issued a ruling in our group grievance against Southwest Airlines regarding time frames for aircraft cleaning. The ruling was issued in our favor and, in response, the company filed a challenge to the decision in court to have it vacated – an unprecedented action in the thousands of decisions handed down in neutral arbitrations.

Southwest Airlines has now hired outside counsel in their ongoing effort to have the decision vacated, simply because the ruling favored the union's position. This is a new tactic by the Company; in ignoring the neutral third party arbitrator, they are basically refusing to play at all, taking their ball, and going home!

Rest assured, your union is doing everything in our power to assure that the arbitrator's decision is upheld and implemented, and that the merits of the grievance are heard. While the company wastes your profit sharing dollars and dues money on fighting against its own employees, we'll continue to have your backs, no matter what.

This kind of behavior may fly at other airlines, but this certainly isn't the LUV, respect, and working together attitude we've been promised by Southwest Airlines. We deserve better, and we'll continue to fight for it and keep you updated on what's happening with this case.

In Unity,

Greg Puriski
President
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