

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 4, 2012

John Spanjers
Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Pinnacle Airlines Corp.
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Dear Mr. Spanjers:

We write to express our dismay upon learning that Pinnacle approved six-figure raises for its executive leadership mere weeks before entering bankruptcy protection. This revelation is especially troubling in light of allegations that Pinnacle has failed to properly pay employees since May of last year, leading to financial hardship and missed mortgage payments for some pilots. Our concern is further compounded by the fact that Pinnacle has not yet fulfilled its obligations to all of the families of the victims of Flight 3407, which crashed in Clarence Center, NY over three years ago.

The tragic crash of Flight 3407 highlighted the hazard associated with underpaid pilots. The first officer of that flight, who only earned \$16,000 a year, spent the entire night before the crash commuting from Seattle to Newark and sleeping in an airport lounge. Following the crash, the National Transportation Safety Board found that the performance of the pilots was likely impaired because of fatigue and that Colgan Air, your subsidiary, failed to proactively address pilot fatigue hazards.

It is reprehensible and unconscionable that your company would shortchange its pilots, who are critical to the safety of the flying public, while approving hundreds of thousands of dollars in extra payment for its corporate officers. On behalf of our constituents, we ask that Pinnacle executives, including yourself, reconsider the propriety of accepting generous raises while pilots in your employ are waiting to be paid.

Sincerely,



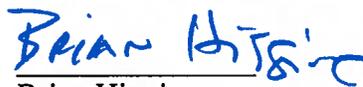
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