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CAPA REFUTES THE NEW FLIGHT /DUTY TIME REGULATIONS

Washington, D.C. (December 21, 2011) —The Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations (CAPA) representing over 28,000 commercial passenger and all-cargo pilots is highly concerned with the Flight and Duty Time final rules released earlier today. CAPA has long advocated for "One Level of Safety" and believes that the final rules create a second tier of safety that is unacceptable and runs counter to the Flight and Duty Time NPRM recommendation. Pilots are subject to the same biological principles regardless of the type of air carrier operations. The final rules would exempt non-scheduled carriers from adhering to the current flight and duty regulations and allow a different set of pilot duty and rest rules.

Captain Carl Kuwitzky, president of CAPA stated, "It is clear that the FAA has completely missed the mark on the Flight and Duty Time rules and the Charter dictated to them by Congress". He further added, "The idea that an "exemption" provides all-cargo carriers to "opt in or out" of this new rule fails to meet the mandate of "One Level of Safety". There must be industry standard rules that provide safe transportation services regardless of the cargo in the rear of the aircraft". Pilot fatigue is an ever present threat to the safety of the travelling public and has been identified on the NTSB's "Most Wanted" list of regulatory changes for two decades.

CAPA supports industry standard rules for providing safe transportation services to the flying public and people around the world. "It is vitally important to the safety of our nation's aviation transportation system that rules be implemented that provide for one level of safety", Captain Kuwitzky said, "the FAA has failed to meet their mandate."

The Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations is a Trade Association, representing over 28,000 Professional Airline Pilots at carriers including American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, UPS Airlines, US Airways, Southern Air, ABX Air, Atlas Air Cargo, Kalitta Air, Polar Air Cargo, Arrow Air, and Horizon Air, Miami Air, USA 3000, Omni Air, Gulfstream Air.

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