

Resolution #2

The Fight Against Foreign Aircraft Maintenance

WHEREAS, the Delegates to the 26th Constitutional Convention urged the TWU leadership to act in opposition to the offshoring of heavy maintenance work in the airline industry to overseas bases; and

WHEREAS, the TWU Leadership has made significant progress by putting on a full court press to achieve these goals through the legislative and regulatory process; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, as part of the 5-year FAA reauthorization bill signed into law by President Biden, the TWU fought for and won language that subjects foreign aircraft repair stations to more stringent safety regulations, making it harder for airlines to offshore critical repair work abroad; and

WHEREAS, now all foreign aircraft repair stations are subject to at least one unannounced safety inspection each year, along with minimum qualifications for mechanics and others working on aircraft registered in the United States, including mandated drug and alcohol testing similar to what is required for American-based maintenance professionals; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has yet to implement these changes, and airlines continue to seek ways to undermine U.S. safety and labor standards by offshoring critical aircraft maintenance jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 27th Constitutional Convention of the Transport Workers Union applaud the efforts of International and Local Air Division leaders to not only carry the fight forward, but to score impressive wins in this uphill battle against this job-killing practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the TWU adopt a public campaign of earned and paid media promoting the superior skills and safety standards applied to the overhaul and repair of U.S. aircraft by American maintenance workers on American soil; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the TWU urgently promote the targeted imposition of tariffs on those air carriers that send their heavy maintenance overseas, forcing U.S. carriers to bring maintenance jobs back to America.