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**UPS Aircraft Mechanics Call Strike Vote**

Protecting jobs, wages and benefit against foreign outsourcing at heart of dispute

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Teamsters Local Union 2727, the designated bargaining representative of the aircraft mechanics of United Parcel Service, today announced that it is calling for a strike vote by its members. The Local Union and UPS have been negotiating for a new collective bargaining agreement for the past 2-1/2 years without reaching a new agreement. The Union said the parties are now at an impasse on the central issues in bargaining.

“Our union has made clear to UPS that our members demand protection of their jobs against outsourcing of our work overseas”, said Local 2727 President Robert Combine. “We also must protect our members’ health benefits against escalating costs and the Company’s attempt to make us the first long-time UPS employee group to take on the burden of health care costs.”

In addition to their dispute over job protection and health benefits, the Union has made proposals to fairly increase wages in light of massive profits that UPS has made since bargaining started. “UPS is proposing minimal pay increases that would actually reduce our members’ earning power,” Combine stated further. “The Company’s proposal comes nowhere near to fairly reflecting the record profit years it had during the first two years of bargaining.”

Combine continued, “UPS aircraft mechanics have led the industry under their contact just as UPS has led the industry in profits. We won’t accept anything less.”

The Union declared its goal to present a unified front to achieve a fair contract with necessary protection for jobs, health benefits and wages. It expects a strong strike vote from its members. “Our members will show that they strongly support protecting their bedrock goals in bargaining,” Combine concluded.

A strike vote will enable the Local to begin strike activity against UPS, supported by more than 246,000 UPS Teamsters, after expiration of a release period by the National Mediation Board. A count on the strike vote is expected on September 14, 2009.

Teamsters Local Union 2727 is affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Founded in 1903, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters represents 1.4 million hardworking men and women in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.