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PRESIDENT

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John Carr
President
National Air Traffic Controllers Association
1325 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear John:

I would like to commend your work to make the U.S. air traffic control system the safest and most secure aviation system in the world. Your members protect thousands of lives every day and there are few jobs in our nation that bear more responsibility. On 9/11, one of the saddest days in U.S. history, air traffic controllers kept their heads cool and managed to land over 4,800 aircrafts in just two hours exemplifying your employees' dedication.

The Bush Administration has wrongly sought to privatize air traffic control services. The Administration has also proposed budget cuts that would threaten the modernization of our air traffic control system. And President Bush and his administration are ignoring the looming retirement crisis that will devastate staffing of air traffic control facilities throughout the country over the next few years, and that is just wrong.

When I am President I will make sure air traffic control is not privatized. I will work for true progress in the important task of keeping our skies safe.

Please accept this letter as my commitment to you and to the members of the NATCA. Please also consider my formal request for your endorsement. I am the only candidate who can take on George Bush, and win, so that the hard working men and women at the NATCA will know that their president is fighting for them.

Sincerely,


Senator John Edwards

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