

Dear Allegiant Pilots,

As those of you on the east coast have probably seen, and those of you on the west coast may see later, 60 Minutes just aired a damaging and salacious piece on Allegiant. Sadly, this story is an unoriginal regurgitation of an old story from a couple years ago, and one that was fed by Captain Dan Wells, President of Local 1224.

Although Mr. Wells has never piloted one of our Allegiant planes, and despite the fact that he has no firsthand knowledge of Allegiant maintenance, he nevertheless felt it appropriate to sit down with 60 Minutes for an on-camera interview to disparage our maintenance team, criticize our safety culture, and attempt to irreparably damage our company. Mr. Wells' reckless and defamatory statements cast a negative light on all of Allegiant's hardworking team members, and most offensive to us – our pilots.

Further, casting doubt on 60 Minutes' biased and untruthful reporting is the fact that their primary "expert" interviewed for this case, Mr. John Goglia, is a hired expert witness currently working for the Plaintiff in a lawsuit against Allegiant. 60 Minutes' failure to disclose that Mr. Goglia has been paid thousands of dollars to provide testimony critical of Allegiant cements our belief that they were never interested in telling anything less than one-side of this story.

Your Flight Operations Team has already heard from many of you who are extremely upset with this 60 Minutes story. We are upset and offended as well. Despite what Mr. Wells thinks, we know you are professionals and we appreciate your commitment to safety. We have, and always will, stand behind you. We know safety is your number one priority. We thank you for your hard work and are proud of your excellent safety record. We are proud to work hand-in-hand with you and our fellow flight attendants, mechanics, dispatchers, station agents, and every other employee who helps to make Allegiant successful.

As you know, we operate at the highest levels of safety. We participate in all seven of the FAA's voluntary safety programs. The FAA CHEP audit with more than 30 FAA inspectors that lasted over 90 days resulted in "no regulatory or systemic findings." As pilots, we know that safety concerns can, and in fact must, be raised through the several different reporting channels available through the company or directly with the FAA. Anonymous and non-disciplinary safety reporting is essential to the health and well-being of an airline and our data shows you are very involved in our safety reporting programs. When anyone circumvents appropriate reporting channels for safety allegations, it immediately calls their motives into question.

We know this 60 Minutes story is nothing more than a reckless attempt to damage our company and scare our passengers. Your Team will not stand idly as our company and team members are attacked by a vicious, biased story that wrongly tarnishes the Allegiant family.

Thank you for all you do, and please reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Captain Eric Gust  
Captain Mark Grock  
Captain Travis Schwieder  
Captain Tyler Hollingsworth  
Captain Jose Diaz