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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

KEVIN E. BYBEE, JOHN R. SCHOLZ, SALLY A. DILL, and VICTOR H. DRUM-HELLER, as individuals and plan participants in The Continental Retirement Plan;

on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated; and on behalf of The Continental Retirement Plan;

Plaintiffs,

VS.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, a labor organization; JAMES HOFFA, in his official capacity as the General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; PETER FINN, in his official capacity as the Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 856; CHRISTOPHER GRISWOLD, in his official capacity as the Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 986; PAUL STRIPLING, in his official capacity as Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 781; GEORGE MIRANDA, in his official capacity as Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 210; UNITED AIRLINES, INC., a Delaware corporation; UNITED AIRLINES HOLD-INGS, INC., a Delaware corp.; the UNITED AIRLINES HOLDINGS' ADMINISTRA-TIVE COMMITTEE, named fiduciary of The Continental Retirement Plan.

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:18-cy-06632-JD

DECLARATION OF JOHN R. SCHOLZ IN SUPPORT OF THE PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO THE DEFENDANTS UNITED AIRLINES, INC.'S, UNITED AIRLINES HOLDINGS, INC.'S, AND UNITED AIRLINES HOLDINGS' ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE'S MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Hearing Date: February 4, 2021 Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Place: Courtroom 11 (19th Floor)

Judge: Hon. James Donato

SCHOLZ DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT CASE NO.: 3:18-CV-06632

## **DECLARATION OF JOHN R. SCHOLZ**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' United Airlines, Inc., United Airlines Holdings, Inc., and United Airlines Holdings' Administrative Committee Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint, in the above-captioned matter, based on my personal knowledge or, where specified, on information and belief based on documents and statements that I believe to be true and accurate.
- 2. I submitted a declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' United Airlines, Inc. and then United Continental Holdings, Inc. Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, on June 17, 2019, in the above captioned matter, filed as Docket #50-1. I attached exhibits to my declaration. I incorporate by reference my prior declaration and exhibits and my prior declaration remains true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Order Approving Debtor's Emergency Motion to Approve Agreement With PBGC, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division in the bankruptcy proceedings for UAL Corporation, the predecessor of United Airlines Holdings, Inc.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of The Continental Retirement Plan ("CARP"), as amended and restated effective December 28, 2012, received from the Department of Labor as a result of a Freedom of Information Act Request.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of The Continental Retirement Plan ("CARP"), as amended and restated effective January 1, 2007, received from the Department of Labor as a result of a Freedom of Information Act Request.
- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy the 2017 Annual Funding Notice

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MOTION TO DISMISS SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

for The Continental Retirement Plan ("CARP") that I was sent as a participant in CARP. The notice states CARP is a single employer pension plan.

- 7. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a screenshot from the PBGC's website taken on April 18, 2017, stating CARP is a single employer pension plan.
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a screenshot from the Teamsters' website taken on March 29, 2017, stating "[a] good example of a single-employer plan is CARP...."
- 9. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is true and correct copy of a letter Edward Gleason, as staff attorney for the Teamsters, wrote regarding the Settlement Agreement between UAL Corp (now United Airlines Holdings) and the PBGC. The Teamsters published this letter as part of campaign by the Teamsters to become the certified representative at United Air Lines for mechanics.
- 10. Attached hereto as Exhibit H is a true and correct copy of a negotiation update provided by the Teamsters to the membership stating Edward Gleason would be heading up the Teamsters' Pension subcommittee for United mechanic negotiations. The posting states clearly "the Union membership will vote" and "the final decision will ALWAYS rest with the members."
- 11. Attached hereto as Exhibit I is a true and correct copy of Teamsters' Collective Bargaining Agreement Survey for the Mechanics at United Air Lines, addressing retirement plans on page 2, stating there are only two types of defined benefit plans single employer and multi-employer and one type of defined contribution plan. Yet, the preference question only permits electing between a multi-employer plan and the defined contribution plan.
- 12. Attached hereto as Exhibit J is a true and correct copy of Letter of Agreement 26-1 found in the former Continental Airlines mechanics 2009-2012 collective bargaining agreement agreeing to "maintain" CARP in light of the recent merger with United Air Lines.

- 13. Attached hereto as Exhibit K is a true and correct copy of the Tentative Joint Collective Bargaining Agreement I received to review prior to voting on the agreement. The only version provided was a lined-out 2009 Continental Mechanics Agreement; the Teamsters did not provide United mechanics with a lined-out version of the 2010 United Mechanics Agreement for United mechanics to compare, appreciate, and understand what the changes were.
- 14. Attached hereto as Exhibit L is a true and correct copy of a posting to the "Teamsters for a Democratic Union" website detailing Defendant James Hoffa's and John Slatery's, the union benefits negotiating committee member, corruption probe.
- 15. Attached hereto as Exhibit M is a true and correct copy of a text message I received to my personal cell phone from Nick Manicone, Teamsters' staff attorney, in response to my request for information regarding the basis for the conclusions in Edward Gleason's memorandum on my grievance.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 28 day of December, 2020, in Pleasanton, California.

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN R. SCHOLZ, Declarant

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