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FLEXJET PILOTS MAKE HISTORY
VOTE TO DECERTIFY THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

Washington D.C., May 30, 2018 – The Center for Independent Employees (“CIE”) applauds the Flexjet/Flight Options pilots for voting to decertify the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union. Today, in Washington D.C., the National Mediation Board formally concluded the Flexjet/Flight Options labor union election. This is the first time in the 80-year history of the Railway Labor Act (“RLA”) that pilots have chosen a direct relationship with their employer rather than have a labor union interfering as a third party.

The RLA only has labor jurisdiction over our nation’s railroad and airline employees. Unlike the National Labor Relations Act (“NLRA”), which oversees most all other industries, the RLA does not have a clear path for employees to rid themselves of union representation via a decertification process. The difficulties presented to employees by the RLA are a major reason why nearly 80 percent of railroad employees and 70 percent of airline employees are unionized. Comparatively, there is less than 7 percent unionization in all other private sector industries. Furthermore, there is no such thing as “right-to-work” for RLA employees. Right-to-work only exists for employees that fall under the National Labor Relations Act.

“This is a great day for our pilots and our company, as we know a direct relationship with our employer is best for working together building our business, improving our culture and our financial security without the baggage that the Teamsters brought to the table,” said Flexjet/Flight Options pilot Captain Frank Woelke.

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