



Asociación Sindical de Pilotos Aviadores de México

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SNA Brazil

To: **Cpt. Tiago Rosa da Silva**
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Director of International Relations

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Dear SNA colleagues,

On behalf of the Asociación Sindical de Pilotos Aviadores de México (ASPAM de México), I write to express our full and unreserved solidarity with the Sindicato Nacional dos Aeronautas (SNA) and the campaign you have launched in defense of flight safety, crew welfare, and the sustainability of Brazil's civil aviation system.

The concerns raised by SNA regarding Bill PL 539/2024, which would open domestic cabotage operations to foreign crews, are not unfamiliar to us. In Mexico, ASPAM de México has been engaged in an active legal and institutional campaign against the same model, the use of wet lease arrangements to allow foreign crews to operate domestic routes, circumventing national labor protections, crew qualification requirements, and safety oversight frameworks established under the Chicago Convention and our national aviation law.

We know firsthand that this is not merely a labor dispute, it is a structural threat to the integrity of the civil aviation safety system.

Similarly, the stagnation of fatigue management regulation and the absence of a special retirement regime that accounts for the unique physiological demands of professional pilots are issues ASPAM has long championed before Mexico's civil aviation authority (AFAC), fatigue is not a comfort concern, it is a primary causal factor in aviation accidents, and any regulatory framework that fails to address it adequately is a latent threat to every passenger and crew member.

ASPAM de México stands with SNA Brazil, and we call on Brazilian authorities to give due consideration to the legitimate safety and labor concerns raised by the pilots and cabin crew of Brazil, a sustainable air transport system can only be built on a foundation of properly rested, legally protected, and adequately regulated crews. Any legislative shortcut that undermines these principles places the entire system, and the traveling public at risk.



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We are proud to stand alongside our Brazilian colleagues in this effort, as part of the IFALPA family and as pilots who share the same skies, the same responsibilities, and the same commitment to safety above all.

In unity,

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