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Rep. John Lewis Responds to Delta-Northwest Merger

This evening Delta Airlines announced its merger with Northwest Airlines would put it in a stronger position to confront the rising cost of fuel prices and the challenges of a recession. It has said that no hubs would be closed as a result of this merger. The company will have combined revenue of \$35 billion and over 75,000 employees.

“This is a great step for Delta,” said Rep. John Lewis. “It is a powerful combination that should help strengthen the air transportation industry in this country. This would make Delta one of the largest airlines in the world. I salute the officials of Northwest, and especially Delta for using their hard-won stability to strengthen their position and improve their ability to serve the people. This merger should make it easier for people in Atlanta and around the nation to fly, and it preserves the Delta name. The Delta headquarters will remain in Atlanta which helps protect the economy of the city during a time of recession.”

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