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Statement by Congressman Todd Akin

St. Louis, Mo.- “While today’s announcement by American Airlines is extremely disappointing, the financial pressures on the industry is apparent. Congress recognized the difficulty faced by Airlines when it passed legislation to help them recover from the September 11 terrorist attack.

“American is seeking to regain its financial strength, which is essential for them to continue as a major employer in our region and as the backbone of air travel in our region.”