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Dear Executive Director Cotton and Chairman O'Toole,

Thousands of New York and New Jersey residents work at the airports governed by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. After numerous constituent visits and conversations, we are concerned that airline catering and airport concessions workers at John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark Liberty International Airports continue to be stuck in poverty, even at a time when the Port appears to be considering mandating wage increases for other service workers at the airport.

Airline catering workers at Newark Liberty International Airport earn as low as \$9.75 an hour and \$13 an hour at LaGuardia and JFK. The Port Authority must pass a living wage policy to raise the wages and increase benefits for these airline catering and airport concessions workers, who are critical to the airports' safety and success. Many of our constituents who work at our region's airports are forced to work two, or even three, jobs just to make ends meet.

Airports across the country, including San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airports, are raising wages for workers and have made sure to include airline catering workers in those policies.

We urge the Port Authority to follow the example of many of our peer airports that have established wage policies to help ensure a stable workforce and include ALL airport workers in its wage policy. While \$17.40 an hour would not make airport workers rich, it would help lift them out of poverty. Without the Port acting to raise wages and increase benefits for contracted airport and airline workers, thousands of our constituents will continue to be left behind.

Sincerely,

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