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I received the redacted version of the Judge's decision in the office today after 1pm and am still going through it. I'll hold any comments until I've read the entire report. Denise will copy it and get copies out to the Directors and Regcos tomorrow to filter down.

In the meantime I have something else for you to read, it's a GAO report on the FAA needing to address major ATO costs. You can get it off the GAO.gov web site or try this link and see if it works [www.gao.gov/new.items/d05724.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05724.pdf) .

I'll give you a couple of highlights page 10 "ATO projects that 80 percent of the estimated \$1.2 billion in total operating cost savings from contracting out flight service operation will not benefit ATO until fiscal year 2011 or later." Also look at the chart at the bottom of the page the first five years of the contract the agency expects to save only \$241 million. Did you notice the savings in the quote? We have gone from \$2.2 billion to \$1.7 billion, now its \$1.2 billion. I now direct your attention to page 13 where it talks about consolidating regional offices, "Both reports said that FAA had studied the issue numerous times but had never acted on the results of its own studies. According to the NCARC report, consolidating nine FAA regional offices into three could save \$400 over a 5-year period."

I am asking each and every one of you to print this report, high light some of the key issues and present it to your Senators for review. This is not "union propaganda", this is a report from GAO which is the investigative arm of Congress and exists to support Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities.

Wally also did an update, Mike Sheldon is working on one for the EEOC case and Scott got one out a short time ago. We are doing everything we can to keep you informed on all issues.

I'll probably have more in the next day or two.

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