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Aviation law firms announce Pilot X sues Boeing

International Aerospace Law & Policy Group (IALPG: www.ialpg.com) together with PMJ PLLC (www.pmjpllc.com) filed a class action lawsuit against The Boeing Company on behalf of Boeing 737 MAX pilots from a major international airline

Pilot X is a 737 MAX airline pilot and Canadian citizen who yesterday filed a case for compensation on behalf of a class of pilots, which includes over 400 pilots employed by Pilot X's airline, for financial and other losses arising from the circumstances and grounding of the MAX fleet. While yet to be tallied, the losses are expected to be in the millions of dollars. Additional actions on behalf of other 737 MAX pilots are being prepared for filing this week.

Since pilot income and career certainty have been adversely affected by Boeing's focus on profits over safety the lawsuit is being filed now, at the time of the 53rd International Paris Air Show, to send a message to Boeing that its desire for aircraft sales must never again impact on aviation safety.

Joseph Wheeler, Principal and Legal Practice Director of IALPG said:

When regulators worldwide faced doubts about the safety of Boeing's 737 MAX design, they acted decisively to ground the aircraft. Boeing's failures effectively grounded a legion of pilots too – pilots who were not aware that the equipment they had to fly was defective and dangerously designed.

Many pilots worldwide have either been laid off, made to relocate bases, or at least suffered significant diminishment to flight opportunities and pay. We applaud the courage of Pilot X to hold Boeing responsible for the losses these pilots face.

Patrick Jones, Managing Partner and Founder of PMJ PLLC said:

The Complaint that was filed alleges several counts of wrongdoing against Boeing. The allegations reflect the widely-held view that Boeing put its corporate profits ahead of aviation safety as well as the safety of those in the aviation world who put their trust in Boeing most – pilots and their passengers.

Pilots trusted Boeing to sell a safe aircraft that they could manage in any emergency scenario, but that trust was clearly abused.

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In addition, to hold the United States accountable for its many regulatory failures in this instance, Pilot X has made a separate “administrative” claim to the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

If Pilot X’s grievance is ignored or the FAA’s response is otherwise inadequate, Pilot X will file a lawsuit against the United States for the FAA’s negligence in certifying the MAX by Christmas Eve of 2019.

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