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"I Want My Card Back."

The Delta MEC has recently received inquiries as to whether pilots who have signed authorization cards in support of the Delta Pilots Association (DPA) can revoke their authorizations. The law on this is clear.

Cancellation or Revocation of Authorizations

The Investigator will neither accept nor honor proposed cancellations or revocations of authorizations. Individuals seeking to revoke their authorizations must go through the party to whom the original authorizations were furnished.

2013 National Mediation Board Representation Manual, section 3.4

For many years, ALPA has taken the position that it will not submit authorizations for a representation election to the NMB on behalf of pilots who have requested in writing that they no longer support or authorize us to pursue a representation election at their carrier and, therefore, revoke their authorization.

ALPA will return an authorization card to the signer *without hesitation*. We strongly believe any other approach is undemocratic and counter to ALPA's mission to provide fair representation.

By contrast, while it claims to be more democratic than ALPA, the DPA has not made any statement on whether it will honor the wishes of those who request to revoke authorization cards given to the DPA.

We urge those who wish to revoke their signed DPA authorization card to make their intent known in writing to the DPA today.

If DPA does not immediately honor your request, you will know all you need to know about this organization's true commitment to democratic and fair representation of the interests of Delta pilots.