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From the Office of Rep. Bob Wilson (R. of Calif.) Pole (Rd Ks) 2235 Rayburn Office Building Washington 25, D.C.

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Rep. Bob Wilson (R. of Calif.) today called on President Johnson to step into the airline strike and "get the planes flying again."

In a telegram to the President, the California Congressman, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said "hardest hit" by the strike are servicemen returning from Vietnam or trying to get home on leave.

The text of the telegram follows:

I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO USE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGED PERSUASIVE POWERS TO TWIST THE ARMS OF THE NEGOTIATORS ON THE AIRLINE STRIKE SUPPICIENTLY TO GET AGREEMENT ON GETTING AIRPLANES IMMEDIATELY BACK INTO SERVICE WHILE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE. THE UNIONS HAVE MADE THEIR POINT. MEANWHILE, AIR TRANSPORTATION IS IN A SHAMBLES. AIR MAIL SERVICE IS SUFFERING BUT HARDEST HIT ARE THE SERVICEMEN RETURNING FROM VIETNAM OR TRYING TO GET HOME ON LEAVE. THE HALF FARE STANDBY MILITARY RATE UNFAIRLY RAISES THE HOPES OF THOUSANDS OF SERVICEMEN WHO ARE FORCED TO SIT ON THEIR DUFFLEBAGS IN TERMINALS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF UNAVAILABLE AIRLINE SEATS. PLEASE GET THE PLANES FLYING AGAIN.