

I am a pilot for American Airlines, Inc. Arming with weapons of any kind on board airline aircraft, creates enormous logistical and security problems, poses a tremendous distraction for pilots to perform the duties they are really trained for, and risks far more in potential injury to personnel and damage to aircraft than would be warranted for deterrence of hijacking. In my view, a weapon in the cockpit is a potential weapon in the hands of a hijacker, and as a Captain, I would be unwilling to allow any other pilot to be armed in my cockpit. Please do not be swayed by the more vocal elements of my pilot's union which claims to support my interests and the interests of my airline.