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### KERRY THE WORD IN IOWA

*NWA Captain's Support for Kerry Visible in Iowa From 20,000 Feet*

**DES MOINES, IA**—Airline passengers flying up to 20,000 feet above Des Moines, Iowa will have no doubt about one farmer's support for Sen. John Kerry's bid for U.S. president.



Mark McClain recently plowed giant letters spelling out “KERRY” into the rich soil of his soybean fields, which are directly adjacent to Des Moines International Airport. McClain is an Iowa farmer and a veteran Northwest Airlines pilot. He also leads the Northwest pilots’ group of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA).

“Nearly 88,000 airline passengers will fly out of Des Moines this month and I want them to know Sen. Kerry is the only candidate

committed to the airline industry that they depend on when traveling for business or pleasure,” says McClain. McClain’s letters spelling out “KERRY” are more than a half-mile wide and stretch nearly two football fields tall.

Sen. Kerry has consistently supported pilots and passengers on aviation issues, including voting for legislation to improve airline security, backing legislation to restore the health of the airline industry and its employees, and asserting that homeland security should be funded out of the federal treasury, not airline taxes, according to McClain.

“A Kerry administration in the future is in the best interests of pilots and passengers and I want every airline passenger in Iowa to know it,” concludes McClain.

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