



Association of Professional Flight Attendants

Office of the National President

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear President Trump:

On Tuesday, American Airlines announced that 19,000 employees would be involuntarily furloughed this October. Similar cuts have been announced at other airlines, totaling more than 75,000 U.S. jobs that will disappear virtually overnight. On behalf of the 27,000 Flight Attendants of American Airlines and the 8,099 who will be furloughed, I urge you to take immediate action to prevent this catastrophic job loss. We need your help to pass a clean extension of the Payroll Support Program.

Our airlines are an engine of economic growth. Cargo and passengers are transported, communities throughout our country and the world are connected. When aviation struggles, other industries that depend on aviation also deteriorate. American Airlines announced that it would also have to cut service to 15 cities. When our airlines suffer, our national and local economies cannot reach their full potential. When jobs are lost, family members feel the pain. Millions of Americans will suffer if our aviation industry is not kept strong.

Congress overwhelmingly supports an extension of the Payroll Support Program, but Congress has not acted. Now time is running out. Aviation workers need a stimulus bill that includes a clean extension of the Payroll Support Program. We appreciate your statements of support for this extension, but we still need your help to get it passed. President Trump, please keep your commitment to our nation's aviation workers. Bring our leaders back to the negotiating table. This cannot wait any longer.

Should we allow this mass layoff to happen, October 1 will be a disastrous day for the U.S. aviation industry and our economy. Americans will be ready to travel again, but aviation workers will need Congress's support until we get through this pandemic. Congressional leaders must return to negotiating as soon as possible. This damage can be avoided, but we must pass a relief package soon. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Julie Hedrick
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