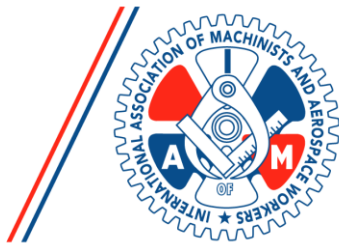


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Dear Minority Leader McCarthy:

I write to you today to ask, in the strongest terms possible, that you support the airline relief legislation introduced today in the House (H.R. 8504). As you are well aware, tens of thousands of airline employees have already been furloughed as a result of Congress allowing the job protections contained in the CARES Act's Payroll Support Program (PSP) to expire. Tens of thousands more can be forced to join them on the unemployment lines in the coming weeks and months. We cannot allow this to continue.

The Machinists Union supports broader pandemic relief, and that must happen. However, only airline industry employees faced a hard deadline, imposed by Congress, of October 1, 2020. Some airlines have publicly stated that they will reverse the recent furloughs if Congress quickly provides the relief that all agree is needed.

Airline management and airline unions also stand together to provide relief to this vital industry. Why are we waiting?

IAM members are fully aware of what is happening here and they will not to be used as bargaining chips. They expect you to support them not with words, but with action. It is disgraceful to stand in the way of preserving airline workers' jobs and watch their livelihoods become upended, their healthcare revoked and state unemployment programs become bloated beyond calculation.

IAM members will not stand on the sidelines on November 3rd. I can guarantee you, with a furlough notice in their hand, they will never forget who turned their backs on them in their time of need.

Over the last few months, airline employees received WARN notices, indicating that they were at risk of furlough come October 1st. Here's your WARN notice: IAM members, and the hundreds of thousands of other airline workers in this country, will not forget if you choose not to act. We will not forget that when the time came when legislation, supported by both labor and management, Republicans and Democrats, came to the floor of the House you chose to play politics. And we will not forget that you chose obstructionism over saving hundreds of thousands of middle class jobs.

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On October 1st not a single Congressman was furloughed, not a single Senator was furloughed. On November 3rd, however, airline employees, voters, will decide who in Congress will be out of a job.

On behalf of 150,000 active and retired IAM-represented airline workers and their families, I urge you to quickly pass a standalone airline relief bill and support the hundreds of thousands of airline workers and their families who face the ultimate economic hardship through no fault of their own.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sito Pantoja". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sito Pantoja

GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT