



September 23, 2020

Dear Senator:

On behalf of labor unions representing employees across the entire airline industry, we write to you regarding the immediate need to pass a clean extension of the Payroll Support Program (PSP) to prevent significant furloughs in the airline industry. **On September 30, 2020, the PSP's prohibition on furloughing employees expires and upwards of one hundred thousand airline employees face unemployment beginning October 1st.** This is a grim situation created by COVID-19 for which airline employees are in no way responsible. With 8 calendar days remaining, the only solution to stave off mass unemployment, keep the industry running, prevent a broader economic fallout, and ensure the timely distribution of a vaccine is through immediate congressional intervention to extend the PSP.

We have long supported relief efforts under negotiation between all parties to help all American workers and affected industries, and we will continue supporting those efforts as they continue. For airline unions, we have a formal legal date (September 30th) on which employment ends for many of our coworkers. Accordingly, we believe action must be taken immediately through any vehicle that moves before that date to prevent the massive and irreparable loss of employment. Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Roger Wicker and Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Susan Collins have introduced the Air Carrier Worker Support Extension Act of 2020. This extension of the PSP has broad bipartisan support in the Senate and the House of Representatives. We ask that you cosponsor and pass this free-standing extension of the PSP to prevent massive layoffs and disruptions to the U.S. airline industry and work to ensure the extension is signed into law before October 1.

We appreciate your continued attention to the economic problems imposed by the COVID-19 crisis. As airline employees face a drastic employment cliff on October 1, 2020, it is vital that we work cooperatively to preserve jobs and maintain the industry's capacity to serve passengers, deliver cargo, and protect national security now. Please cosponsor the Air Carrier Worker Support Extension Act of 2020. We have no time to waste.

Sincerely,

Air Line Pilots Association, International
Association of Flight Attendants-CWA
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
Transportation Workers Union of America