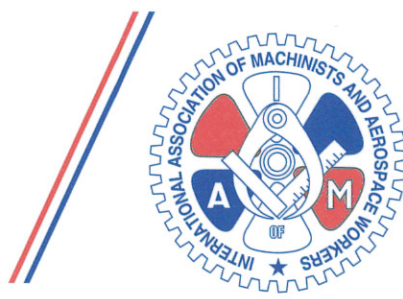


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OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Dear Senator,

On behalf of the largest airline union in the world, representing over 600,000 active and retired workers, we strongly urge Congress to pass a standalone extension to the very successful airline Payroll Support Program ("PSP") for an additional six months NOW!!!

Last night, tens of thousands of our airline workers were furloughed after Congress failed to extend the bipartisan airline PSP program. Despite pleas from U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin to airline executives to hold off on major layoffs as he negotiates with Speaker Pelosi on another pandemic relief package. Both American Airlines and United told our airline membership they would proceed with more than 32,000 furloughs.

As negotiations continue today on a relief package, our members are now on facing the grim reality of trying to survive during this global pandemic without a paycheck and health care benefits. They are turning in their badges, cleaning out their lockers and are now joining over 51 million Americans on the unemployment line. Unfortunately, their worst fears have now become a grave reality, their careers in the airline industry abruptly came to an end because Congress and the White House failed to get a deal done by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. The PSP's prohibition on furloughing airline employees expired at midnight. Without the immediate extension of the PSP, mass layoffs became inevitable starting TODAY!!!

We have long supported the bipartisan negotiations to pass a comprehensive relief package to help all American workers and affected industries through the economic distress of this global pandemic, but time has run out for the airline workers that we proudly represent. Now is the time for our Congressional leadership and this Administration to take swift action and pass a desperately needed standalone extension to the airline PSP program. A standalone bill already has broad bipartisan support in the Senate and the House of Representatives. With recent reports that negotiations have stalled on a pandemic relief package, we strongly believe this is the only viable option that we have to save the airline industry and more importantly our airline member's jobs.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this very important request, please do not hesitate to contact IAM National Legislative Director Hasan Solomon at (301) 967-4575 or [hsolomon@iamaw.org](mailto:hsolomon@iamaw.org)

Please pass an immediate standalone extension of the PSP NOW!!!!

Sincerely,

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