

United States Senate

September 17, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
US Senate
S-230, US Capitol
Washington DC

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
US Senate
S-221, US Capitol
Washington, DC

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer:

We write to share our support for continued relief for aviation sector employees as Congress considers government funding legislation, as well as continues discussions surrounding additional legislation to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which received overwhelming support, facilitated aid for many businesses as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including passenger air carriers. Air travel has remained static in recent months as it continues to be impacted by the pandemic. Ahead of the October 1, 2020 expiration of CARES Act relief requirements, many airlines have notified thousands of employees across the nation that involuntary furloughs will be necessary without additional federal aid. While we strongly believe Congress should, without delay, consider additional COVID-19 relief legislation to provide additional support and flexibility for businesses, including those across the aviation sector, we must take swift action to extend CARES Act payroll support for passenger air carrier employees to prevent furloughs and provide certainty for workers ahead of October 1, 2020. The government funding legislation would provide such an opportunity.

While we commend your efforts to bolster all businesses and workers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is clear there is more work to be done. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Cory Gardner
United States Senator



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