

Association of Flight Attendants – CWA, AFL-CIO
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 13, 2020

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: #ReliefNOW

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, since the pandemic began, more than 60 million Americans have filed for unemployment. Congress must act now, or millions more workers will lose their jobs without a safety net to catch them.

WHEREAS, this includes hundreds of thousands of aviation workers who were protected through September 30th thanks to the Payroll Support Program. This is not an airline bailout -- it is a jobs and infrastructure program built by our union and all of aviation labor with the leadership of Chairman Peter DeFazio. The law requires airlines to keep workers on the payroll and connected to their healthcare, as well as maintain air service to all communities. It bans stock buybacks and dividends, and caps executive compensation well after the rest of the program requirements end, and

WHEREAS, there is nearly unanimous bipartisan support to extend this program for an additional six months to March 31, 2021, stop any new plans for furlough, and recall those currently furloughed to restore their jobs and their healthcare, and

WHEREAS, Flight Attendants are aviation's first responders and last line of defense. We have been on the frontlines as essential workers since the beginning of this pandemic and our government cannot abandon us now, in the middle of the crisis with demand cut by more than half, revenues much lower than that, business travel down 96%, and travel bans on U.S. citizens in most countries around the world, and

WHEREAS, this is a fight for our jobs and the critical infrastructure our industry provides, but it's also much bigger. Another five million jobs are in danger if Congress fails to extend the enhanced unemployment benefits that provided an extra \$600 per week and boosted consumer spending. More than five million public sector workers may join the unemployment lines without aid for state and local governments. And 600,000 postal workers are fighting to preserve their jobs and the vital service they provide.

WHEREAS, these are real people. Millions are already teetering on the edge. One in three Americans is behind on housing payments, and 30-40 million are at risk of eviction. Millions are struggling to feed their families and pay their bills. There are five workers searching for every one open job. The last thing we need to do is add millions more workers to the unemployment lines and push the unemployed into deeper financial trouble, and

WHEREAS, the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA will never stop fighting for the members of our union, the people who share our career, or the working people who make our world run.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AFA-CWA Board of Directors today reaffirms our commitment to standing together through our union to demand that the U.S. Congress pass a relief package that serves ALL working people, and that we simply will not rest until we pursue every available option to its fullest extent. #ReliefNow.

Unanimously Adopted on October 13, 2020