

March 19, 2020

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
Secretary of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20220

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
The Capitol, S-230  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Secretary Mnuchin, Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell & Leader Schumer:

As Governors, Mayors and County Executives we are keenly aware that our state and local economies rely heavily on commercial aviation. As you consider the economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we strongly urge Congress and the Administration to work swiftly to provide financial stability for the U.S. airline industry and the hard-working men and women whose livelihoods rely on it. The unforeseen COVID-19 pandemic has caused rapid, severe and unsustainable economic damage and U.S. carriers are in dire need of immediate assistance.

The rapid spread of COVID-19, coupled with government and business-imposed travel restrictions, are having an unprecedented and devastating impact on U.S. airlines. Airlines have seen an extraordinary decline in demand for air travel and inconsistent cargo volume due to business closures and shutdowns, forcing them to remove flights from their schedule and make historic capacity cuts. Demand for business and leisure travel alike has quickly deteriorated as conventions, trade shows, sporting events, meetings and vacations in our states and cities are being cancelled or postponed. This has taken and will continue to take an incredible toll on our state and local economies.

We strongly support immediate and medium to long-term federal assistance to the U.S. aviation industry. Our constituents and local economies are depending on the airline industry to come out of this in a strong position to continue to facilitate travel, tourism and commerce. As state and local leaders, we are also actively working on policies and programs that will assist those that have been impacted by this historic crisis, including the airline industry. We value their impact in our communities and want to do all we can to start an economic recovery. We recognize that even with immediate government assistance it will take time to recover, but time is of the essence. Please work together to act swiftly on this matter of critical importance to all of our citizens.

Very Respectfully,

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Governor Charlie Baker, State of Massachusetts  
Governor Doug Ducey, State of Arizona  
Governor Mike Dunleavy, State of Alaska  
Governor Tony Evers, State of Wisconsin

Governor Gary Herbert, State of Utah  
Governor Asa Hutchinson, State of Arkansas  
Governor Jay Inslee, State of Washington  
Governor Brian Kemp, State of Georgia  
Governor Kevin Stitt, State of Oklahoma  
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