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Nicholas E. Calio
President and CEO
Airlines for America
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Dear Mr. Calio,

On behalf of the more than 63,000 members of the Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l (ALPA), we welcome the recent statement from Airlines For America (A4A) in support of asking Congress to extend the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Payroll Support Program (PSP)—legislation that has provided a lifeline for the U.S. airline industry, saved thousands of jobs, and helped ensure that the United States remains the world leader in aviation.

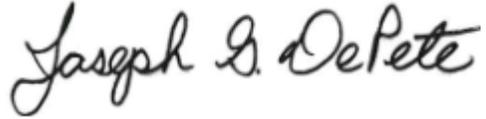
Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, ALPA pilots have served on the aviation front lines, delivering personnel, supplies, and equipment to where help is needed most as our country fights the public-health crisis. Similarly, we have worked collaboratively with our airlines to address the pandemic's public-health and economic toll—through short-term working agreements that protect pilot health and mitigate furloughs, while also providing our airlines with maximum financial stability and cash reserves. As we have done during past times of industry hardship, union pilots are sacrificing greatly to help our companies withstand this downturn.

We look forward to collaborating further with A4A as our industry responds to the reality of today's economic environment. ALPA is asking Congress to extend grants under the Payroll Support Program beyond what was originally thought necessary. Given the unforeseen duration of the pandemic, we are urging lawmakers to pass a *clean* extension of the PSP through March 31, 2021. Such an extension will ensure that pilots and other airline employees are ready to provide our airlines with the capacity to drive a strong industry recovery as soon as it becomes possible.

I firmly believe that our working together holds the greatest opportunity for our industry to successfully navigate these difficult times, save jobs, and inspire passengers' confidence to return to the skies. I know that you share my deep commitment to a strong and competitive U.S. airline industry. Ensuring that a long period of unemployment does not compromise a ready pilot

workforce will help maintain our industry's ability to move passengers and cargo and support our military while advancing our nation's position as the global leader in safe and efficient air transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph G. DePete". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Capt. Joseph G. DePete
President