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Dear Representative,

As you head into your first extended district work period of the 117th Congress and potential spring air travel for you and your constituents, I wanted to provide you with the policy priorities of the Air Line Pilots Association, International. ALPA is the largest non-governmental aviation safety organization in the world, and I want to personally reiterate our commitment to work with you to advance sound aviation policy. This policy blueprint, [Battling the Pandemic, Rebuilding Our Economy, and Connecting the World](#), is intended to help inform your important work, and we stand by as a ready resource and partner.

Since the early days of COVID-19, ALPA pilots have flown health-care workers to outbreak areas and have transported medical supplies and equipment. Now, we carry life-saving vaccines. Pilots, like all aviation workers, have encountered unique challenges while performing our essential role. We commend Congress for recognizing our crucial work and providing targeted worker support via the Payroll Support Program. This support will help ensure that our industry is ready for future demand, including what we hope will be a strong summer rebound.

While we have spared no effort in responding to the pandemic, it has not distracted ALPA from our union's long-held principles. Now, more than ever, we are determined to ensure the safety and security of air transportation, to prioritize strong labor standards for airline workers in international aviation agreements, and to foster an inclusive, accessible pilot profession that reflects the diversity of America.

For over 90 years, ALPA's pilots have helped the United States earn our position as the world leader in aviation. The risk-based, data-driven safety culture that pilots have helped create across the industry—and we put into practice on every flight—is a key reason why U.S. air transportation is so safe. But our current level of safety does not, and can never, mean that we will not work harder every day to do more. We look forward to working with you in the 117th Congress to propel our industry and profession forward while we safely transport passengers and cargo to connect the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph G. DePete".

Joseph G. DePete
President