



Sisters and Brothers,

In recent weeks, many of you have contacted your local union representatives, Assistant General Chairpersons or me directly to express your fears of possible pay cuts, furloughs or the likelihood of your carrier going bankrupt or completely out of business. You have good reasons to be concerned.

The airline industry is facing an existential threat from a global pandemic. The spread of the Coronavirus across continents has resulted in a decrease in demand for air travel by two-thirds worldwide, with at least one airline going out of business. For over two months, airline workers have worked on the front lines of the crisis, and you have adapted to reductions in flight schedules, last-minute policy changes, and have worried about how to best protect your personal health and safety. The worst part is the unease that comes from not seeing a clear end to this crisis.

As airlines announce more cuts in service, IAM General Vice President Sito Pantoja said today that "US carriers are contemplating further capacity cuts or shutting down operations altogether, which only a month ago was unimaginable."

The President of the United States and members of Congress are discussing how they can best help the airline industry, which is the backbone of our nation's economy. There are several ideas in consideration, and we support any action that helps workers quickly and directly. As workers, we need to unite and say with a clear and strong voice that the need is great and immediate.

I urge you to call your representatives today at 202-224-3121 and ask them to take any action necessary to save our airline jobs.

Click here to send a message to your Federal Representatives:

<https://www.goiam.org/departments/headquarters/politics-and-legislation/iam-action-alerts/#/135>

Please **act today** to protect your job and those of thousands of airline workers and millions more who depend on our industry for their livelihoods. Many of you are applying for voluntary leaves and reductions in schedules, which shows how committed we are to get through this crisis together. I ask that we work with our elected officials to make sure no one gets left behind.

Thank you for your activism and solidarity.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Klemm".

Michael Klemm
President & Directing General Chairman
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