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Dear Dr. Redfield and Director Krebs,

We are deeply committed to ensuring the safety of our members and the traveling public during the COVID-19 pandemic and to helping power the U.S. economy and government response efforts. Aviation workers perform frontline and safety functions that are critical to keep our nation's critical infrastructure operating effectively.

We understand the importance of ensuring equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine once approved and available. That is why we strongly encourage the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) work closely with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to prioritize the highest risk critical essential workers for early phase COVID-19 vaccine distribution, including the hardworking men and women of the U.S. airline industry. As you are aware, our nation's frontline aviation workers are critical to moving critical medical supplies and professionals around the country.

We urge CDC to leverage the great work of CISA through the *Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance*. That guidance states: “*Determining the allocation of scarce resources for workers, such as personal protective equipment (PPE), other protection, access to medical evaluation, testing, and vaccines: We recommend that jurisdictions and organizations use the essential critical infrastructure worker list as a tool to begin engaging with the essential worker community in the planning for the allocation of potential scarce resources...*”

This guidance has been instrumental throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to help navigate the myriad state and local travel restrictions and to facilitate the movement of airline workers supporting U.S. response efforts and the uninterrupted transport of medical professionals, supplies and other goods to hard-hit communities. We respectfully request CDC and CISA

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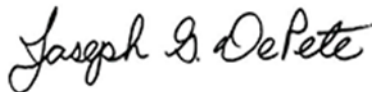
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similarly encourage state health departments to adhere to this guidance when prioritizing vaccine allocation.

We appreciate the Administration's support of the airline industry during this unprecedented time and support the goals of ending this pandemic and safely reopening the economy. We will continue to engage and work collaboratively with the federal government and the states to ensure that the airline community helps lead a robust economic recovery.

Thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,



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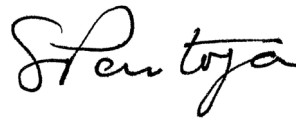
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