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COVID-19 Update #20 – CARES Act II (PSP Extension)

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Brothers and Sisters,

Gary Kelly and other airline Executives met at the White House last week in an attempt to convince government officials to extend the PSP (Payroll Support Program) for airlines, as they continue to suffer massive financial losses due to the current pandemic. Although the Company is losing less compared to other top carriers, we are still in need of an extension of the PSP. This extension would guarantee no furloughs or layoffs until April 1st, 2021. Please encourage all members in our stations to reach out to their representatives and ask that the Cares Act II be passed, which is the bill that contains the PSP extension. Both parties agree that an extension is needed, and now we need to show our support for this necessary legislation. Unfortunately, both sides are engaging in the normal partisan battles resulting in a game of “chicken” with our livelihoods. The Unions on property have sent a joint letter of support and we need to make our desires known as union members and constituents as well by making calls to our representatives’ offices. To determine the appropriate representative in your area, the following link will allow you to enter your zip code and return the name and number of your congressperson;

<https://www.house.gov/htbin/findrep>

then use the drop down menu to choose your state on the following link to access your senators’ information;

https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

You may also call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 to be connected to your representatives.

Calls by TWU 555 members, as well as by family and friends, to your representatives are one significant thing we can do to show our support for extending the CARES Act II and PSP. Below are two examples, one for us as an employee and member and one for our friends and family:

- Hello, my name is (insert name). I am a member of the Transport Workers Union and a frontline employee at Southwest Airlines. I am asking for your support in preserving my job. Tens of thousands of aviation workers like myself need immediate action to extend the Payroll Support Program before it expires on September 30th.
- Hello, my name is (insert name). I am a (family member/friend) of an employee at Southwest Airlines. I am asking you to help preserve their job. Tens of thousands of aviation workers like them need immediate action to extend the Payroll Support Program before it expires on September 30th.

Brothers and Sisters, we would like to thank you in advance regarding this endeavor that may result in securing our jobs as well as those throughout our industry.