This is an incredibly challenging time, and we urge everyone around the world to take all the necessary precautions to keep themselves and their communities safe. The health and well-being of the public is first and foremost.

The coronavirus impact on travel is catastrophic:

- **Loss of 8.0 million jobs** as a result of travel declines by the end of April.
- **Loss of travel-generated jobs alone more than doubles total unemployment rate** (3.5% to 8.4%) by the end of April.
- U.S. economy projected to enter a *protracted recession based on the expected downturn in travel alone.*

Right now the industry’s focus is on:

- Getting relief to travel businesses so they can retain their employees.
- Being prepared to help lead an economic recovery.

The CARES Act was a good start, but structural changes are needed to make sure relief gets to small businesses that need them most.

If travel businesses can’t keep their lights on, they can’t pay their employees and they won’t be prepared to accommodate travel demand when it returns.

This isn’t a bailout. This is relief from a natural disaster that is completely unprecedented.