This is an incredibly challenging time, and we hope everyone around the world is practicing the guidance of public health authorities and taking 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 5.9 million travel-generated jobs** by the end of April.
- Loss of travel-generated jobs alone **almost doubles total unemployment rate (3.5% to 7.1%) in Q2**.
- U.S. economy projected to enter a **protracted recession based on the expected downturn in travel alone**.
- This is why aggressive relief measures are needed NOW.

The Phase 3 relief package [the CARES Act] passed by Congress makes good progress by giving qualified travel employers, large and small, access to liquidity, loans and tax relief.

But it’s clear that even this robust action by Congress will not save every job, and that **another relief package is going to be necessary**.

Our leaders in Washington understand the catastrophic situation facing our workers.

Travel supports 15.8 million jobs that are **immediately** threatened.

83% of travel companies are small businesses.

But large or small, businesses can’t pay their employees if they don’t have any customers, and they don’t have any customers because of the actions needed to fight coronavirus.

We can substantially mitigate the damage by shrinking the recovery window. If full recovery were to begin in June we could restore $17.8 billion per month to the GDP.

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