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.

Our industry is urging Congress to include vital provisions in the next relief package to assist travel businesses and their workers:

- Access to small business loans to retain employees and cover basic costs during the shutdown.
- A Workforce Stabilization Fund to help larger travel businesses retain their workers and remain solvent.
- Tax relief to help mitigate economic losses.
- Changes to the “small business” definition to include more travel business.

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.

No one deserves to lose their job because they were acting in the best interest of the public health.

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.