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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

All focus this week is on our Government Leaders and the passing of the coronavirus bill. What that looks like will decide what the immediate future holds for most of us. Work continued through the weekend on letters to Senate and Congressional Leaders cosigned by Senior Management of the Airlines and Labor Leaders addressing concerns for maintaining our work forces through this pandemic. Assurances in writing from the majors "If worker payroll protection grants are enacted, equaling at least \$29 billion, participating passenger and cargo air carriers will not furlough employees or conduct reductions in force through August 31, 2020".

Most, if not all, the company's we represent have loosened the reins on attendance policies while working together through these trying times. We do not want members pressured into coming into work and possibly infecting others because of attendance concerns.

Last night Dallas announced a "shelter in place" mandate that takes place at 23:59 today. For now it appears that the Governor of Texas is leaving it up to the cities to make such an order, others will surely follow, if he does not take statewide action. Companies with employees vital to interstate commerce are exempt from such restrictions and your employer should supply you with a travel document stating such. I have one from UAL and requested one yesterday evening from WN. I talked with Arnold yesterday and our ExpressJet members have the travel document available to them. Counties are setting travel curfews, so as a precaution, print these documents out and have them with you or at least available on your phone.

At Fort Polk our members have been informed that, under the current threat, it is requested of them to follow the same travel restrictions as the Soldiers. This includes quarantine measures when certain criterion is met.

Because of the travel restrictions and everything that is going on right now all scheduled events and hearings have been postponed. The Business Reps and I were on property all last week at IAH and HOU updating on what we do know and answering any questions that we could. We are taking protective measures at Local 19 to ensure uninterrupted representation in a worsening environment. Contact your appropriate Business Reps and we will all have shared duties as far as direct involvement on property.

Again, everything, and I mean everything, is hinged on the relief plan from the government. What is most important is the safety and health of each and every one of you. The companies are working directly with the CDC to address specific situations and evaluate the risk and what actions to take. With all the distractions today try and keep a clear head while at work, stepping back if you need to do so, and then continuing to work, abiding by safe practices.

Please keep in your Hearts and Prayers; Jack Allen whose son passed away, and Hung Pham whose son passed away.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Clever".

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