April 20, 2020

Dear Fellow Flight Attendants:
The bulk of this update is from the Communications Workers of America (CWA). Both Hawaiian Airlines Flight Attendant bases are part of CWA’s District 9. We ask that you strongly consider taking a few minutes to help with the Electoral Process Day of Action by filling in the fields in the letter campaign to Congress. [Please see below for the hyperlink.]

CWA – NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE & POLITICAL UPDATE
This week’s updates include CWA’s Putting Workers First: Policies to Address the Covid-19 Pandemic and CWA President Shelton’s letter to Congress in support of legislation in response to the crisis.

ELECTORAL PROCESS – Day of Action, April 20, 2020
The CARES Act allocated $400 million in Election Administration Grants to help states carry out the 2020 election cycle. So far, 45 states and territories have requested the funds, 8 states have requested an extension, and 2 states have not yet requested the funds. The Election Assistance Committee (EAC) is working to have the funds released to states within 24 hours of receiving the request.

As we continue to navigate the ongoing crisis, CWA is pushing for the democracy provisions needed to maintain the integrity of the electoral system.

*Please join our April 20th day of action by participating in a letter campaign to Congress demanding more funding and fairer provisions for a safe and fair electoral process. Additionally, on April 20th at 8pm ET, the Declaration for American Democracy is kicking-off their Protect Our Vote virtual town hall series*

CARES ACT
Despite the requirements of the CARES Act, the Trump Treasury Department decided to shift 30% of the grants available to the airline industry to instead become loans. This could risk the financial health of the airlines. CWA, AFA-CWA and other union leaders issued a statement at the end of last week criticizing the decision.

STIMULUS CHECK
Looking for Your Stimulus Check? The IRS has started sending Economic Impact Payments (also referred to as stimulus payments). If you’re looking for an update, please visit the IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payment resource page. https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments?utm_source=enews&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=04-17-20

STATE OF HAWAII PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT – update
Starting today, Governor Ige is requiring all essential workers to wear face masks. While the company allows Flight Attendants to wear face masks at work, please be mindful that the new requirement necessitates that you wear your mask on the airport property, terminals, gate areas, etc. Please ensure that you are acquainted with this policy.

Please continue to take care and practice safe social distancing!

In Unity,
Sharon, Scott, Joni, Jaci-Ann, Josh and the Entire AFA Leadership

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